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In Senate, March 7, 2013

An Act Regarding Municipal General Assistance

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, WHITTEMORE of Somerset,
Representatives: POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea, TURNER of Burlington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 577, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **3. Eligible person.** "Eligible person" means a person who is qualified to receive
5 general assistance from a municipality according to standards of eligibility determined by
6 the municipal officers whether or not that person has applied for general assistance, but
7 does not include:

8 A. A person who is ineligible to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for
9 Needy Families program pursuant to section 3762, subsection 18; or

10 B. A person who has had benefits fully terminated under section 3763, subsection 1.

11 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4309, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 840, §4, is further
12 amended to read:

13 **1. Eligibility of applicant; duration of eligibility.** The overseer shall determine
14 eligibility each time a person applies or reapplies for general assistance pursuant to this
15 chapter and the ordinance adopted by the municipality in accordance with section 4305.
16 The period of eligibility ~~must~~ may not exceed one month. At the expiration of that period
17 the person may reapply for assistance and the person's eligibility may be redetermined. A
18 person is not eligible for general assistance if that person is no longer eligible to receive
19 benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families pursuant to section 3762,
20 subsection 18 or has had benefits fully terminated pursuant to section 3763.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill makes individuals who have reached the 60-month lifetime limit for benefits
23 under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or who have had benefits
24 fully terminated for noncompliance with the requirements of the program ineligible for
25 municipal general assistance.