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## **An Act To Establish a Waiting Period for MaineCare Participants**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §2, is amended to read:

**2. Residence.** Is living in the State at the date of the application; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3174, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 178, is further amended to read:

**3. Inmate.** Is not an inmate of any public institution, except as a patient in a medical institution or an inmate during the month in which ~~he~~the applicant becomes an inmate only to the extent permitted by federal law, but an inmate of such an institution may file application for aid and any allowance made thereon ~~shall take~~takes effect and ~~be~~is paid upon ~~his~~that inmate's ceasing to be an inmate of such institution; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3174, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Waiting period.** Except in an emergency, has waited a period of 30 days after the filing of an application. For purposes of this section, "emergency" means not having sufficient resources to provide one or more basic necessities.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a waiting period of 30 days before a person may receive assistance except in an emergency situation.