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An Act To Impose a State Residency Requirement for Eligibility for General Assistance

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15, is amended to read:

2. Municipality of responsibility. Except as provided in subsection 4, a municipality is responsible for the general assistance support of the following individuals:

A. ~~A~~An individual who has been a resident in the State for no less than 90 days and who is a resident of the municipality. For the purposes of this section, a "resident of the municipality" means a person who is physically present in a municipality with the intention of remaining in that municipality to maintain or establish a home and who has no other residence; and

B. Eligible persons who have been residents in the State for no less than 90 days and who apply to the municipality for assistance and who are not residents of that or any other municipality. If a person is not a resident of any municipality, the municipality where that person first applies ~~shall be~~ responsible for support until a new residence is established.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15, is amended to read:

3. Durational residency requirement prohibited. No municipality may establish a municipal durational residency requirement for general assistance.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a person reside in the State for at least 90 days in order to qualify for municipal general assistance.