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An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement

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Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Senators: HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DEBRITO of Waterville, GATTINE of Westbrook, PLUECKER of Warren, ZAGER of Portland.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. SSSS, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read: 3 4 The department shall reimburse each municipality and each Indian tribe 70% of the direct 5 costs incurred by that municipality or tribe on or after July 1, 2015 for the general assistance 6 program granted by that municipality or tribe. Beginning January 1, 2026, direct costs under this subsection include the cost of food provided or served at an emergency shelter. 7 8 For the purposes of this subsection, "Indian tribe" has the same meaning as in section 411, 9 subsection 8-A. 10 SUMMARY 11 This bill includes the cost of food provided or served at emergency shelters in the
- Department of Health and Human Services' reimbursement of general assistance costs to municipalities.