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An Act To Integrate the State's General Assistance and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. OO, §4, is further amended to read:

3. Eligible person. "Eligible person" means a person who is qualified to receive general assistance from a municipality according to standards of eligibility determined by the municipal officers whether or not that person has applied for general assistance. "Eligible person" does not include a person who is a fugitive from justice as defined in Title 15, section 201, subsection 4. "Eligible person" does not include a person who is ineligible to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program pursuant to section 3762, subsection 18.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a person who has exhausted the 60-month lifetime limit on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits is ineligible to receive municipal general assistance program benefits.