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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Clarify the Immigration Status of  
Noncitizens Eligible for General Assistance'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'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. In accordance with 8 United States Code, Section 1621(d), an "eligible person" who is a noncitizen is limited to a person who is lawfully present in the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, allows a noncitizen who is lawfully present in the United States or pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief to be eligible for general assistance.