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Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 19 to 26 in amendment) and inserting the following:

**‘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. Beginning July 1, 2015, in accordance with 8 United States Code, Section 1621(d), "eligible person" means a person who is lawfully present in the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief, except that assistance for such a person may not exceed 24 months.’

### SUMMARY

This amendment allows a person, beginning July 1, 2015, who is lawfully present in the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief to qualify for general assistance, but only for 24 months.