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In Senate, January 13, 2023

**An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance
Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield and
Senators: HARRINGTON of York, MOORE of Washington, Representatives: ANDREWS of
Paris, CAMPBELL of Orrington, HYMES of Waldo, LIBBY of Auburn, SAMPSON of
Alfred, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4309, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

3 **7. Durational limit on benefits.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
4 an eligible person who is capable of working and who does not have any dependents may
5 not receive general assistance benefits for more than 275 days every 5 years.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill limits to a maximum of 275 days every 5 years the general assistance benefits
8 a person who does not have any dependents and who is capable of working may receive.