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**An Act To Require an Applicant for State Assistance To Show
Proof of Legal Residence in the United States and Proof of
Residency for at Least the Previous 90 Days in This State**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Residency. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section and section 3104A, beginning January 1, 2012 the department may not provide food supplement program benefits to an applicant who is not a legal resident of the United States and a resident of this State.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3195 is enacted to read:

§ 3195. Residency

Beginning January 1, 2012, it is a condition of eligibility for assistance under this chapter that an applicant be a legal resident of the United States and a resident of this State. The department shall require an applicant for assistance under this chapter to demonstrate that the applicant meets this condition. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2A.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3769-D is enacted to read:

§ 3769-D. Residency

Beginning January 1, 2012, it is a condition of eligibility for assistance under this chapter that an applicant be a legal resident of the United States and a resident of this State. The department shall require an applicant for assistance under this chapter to demonstrate that the applicant meets this condition. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2A.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that an applicant for state assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the MaineCare program or the food stamp program must be a legal resident of the United States and a resident of this State.