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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 137,
L.D. 369, Bill, “An Act To Align Municipal General Assistance Programs with the
Immigration Status Policies of the Department of Health and Human Services ”

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. In accordance with 8 United States Code, Section
1621(d), "eligible person" includes 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 12 months.'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows a person 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 12 months.

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