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H.P. 480

House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

### **An Act To Confer Categorical Eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefit Applications**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, PARKER of South Berwick, PIERCE of Falmouth.

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104, sub-§13-A is enacted to read:**

**13-A. Categorical eligibility.** The department shall confer broad-based categorical eligibility for food supplement benefits to a household with gross income equal to or below 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty level as provided for in 7 United States Code, Section 2014.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to consider a household with a gross income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level eligible for food supplement benefits.