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Referred to the Committee on Taxation and sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Boudreau of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Remove Restrictions on Eligibility under the Elderly Householders
Tax and Rent Refund Act based on Marital Status.**

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

36 MRSA § 6111, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 552, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Disabled. Have attained the age of 55 during the year for which relief is requested, and shall, due to a disability, be receiving federal disability payments, such as supplemental security income.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remove restrictions on eligibility under the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act. Presently the Act provides that certain claimants who meet all other eligibility requirements are not eligible unless they are widows or widowers. This excludes persons who were never married or who are married at the time of the claim. This bill would make persons who meet the requirements for relief eligible for that relief without regard to their marital status.