

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1329

S. P. 473

In Senate, March 17, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Shute of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Increase the Benefits of the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Act on a Sliding Scale According to Income.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 6108, as amended by PL 1977, c. 686, § 16, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 6108-A is enacted to read:

§ 6108-A. Computation of refund

The computation of refund claim pursuant to this chapter shall be determined as follows:

If one member household income (rounded to the nearest dollar) is:	If 2 or more members household income (rounded to nearest dollar) is:	Then the household is entitled to a refund as follows:
Less than or equal to:	Less than or equal to:	
\$5,000	\$6,000	100%
\$5,001 to \$6,000	\$6,001 to \$7,000	75%
\$6,001 to \$7,000	\$7,001 to \$8,000	50%
\$7,001 to \$8,500	\$8,001 to \$9,000	25%

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA 6162, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 726, § 7, is amended to read:

## § 6162. Eligibility criteria; appeal

All individuals who meet the age and the 100% refund income criteria of the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act are eligible for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program described in Title 22, section 254 if they are legal residents of Maine at the time the application is filed, except that individuals receiving state supplemental income benefits or relinquishing residency are ineligible for that program.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Taxation		
All Other	\$1,700,000	\$1,422,000

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act is effective for claims filed on or after August 1, 1981.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to place the benefit of the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Act on a sliding scale according to income.