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1 (Governor's Bill)
2 (EMERGENCY)
3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4

5 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 **Legislative Document**

No. 1862

9 H. P. 1877 House of Representatives, January 21, 1982
Reference to the Committee on Taxation is suggested and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, CLERK

10 Presented by Representative Higgins of Scarborough.

Cosponsors: Representative Post of Owl's Head, Senator Conley of
Cumberland and Senator Teague of Somerset.

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12 **STATE OF MAINE**
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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17 **AN ACT to Increase Eligibility Levels**
18 **for the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent**
19 **Refund Act.**
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21 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
22 do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment
23 unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, the Legislature increased the eligibility
25 levels for the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act
26 under Public Law 1981, chapter 535; and

27 Whereas, no relief may be given even though all is in
28 readiness until March 10, 1982, when winter will be over,
29 due to the fact that this legislation was not an emergency;
30 and

31 Whereas, reenactment of this chapter as emergency
32 legislation would provide the needed relief in a timely

1 fashion, which was the original intent of the Legislature;
2 and

3 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
4 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-
5 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as
6 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

9 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6108, as amended by PL 1977, c. 686,
10 §16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

11 §6108. Income limitation

12 No claim otherwise allowable may be granted to claim-
13 ants of single member households with household income in
14 excess of \$5,600 in calendar year 1980 and \$6,200 in each
15 succeeding year for which relief is requested; and no claim
16 otherwise allowable may be granted to claimants of house-
17 holds of 2 or more members with income in excess of \$6,700
18 in calendar year 1980 and \$7,400 in each succeeding year for
19 which relief is requested.

20 Sec. 2. PL 1981, c.535 is repealed.

21 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appro-
22 priated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
23 this Act.

24 1981-82 1982-83

25 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,
26 DEPARTMENT OF

27 Bureau of Taxation
28 All Other \$560,000 \$1,098,800

29 HUMAN SERVICES,
30 DEPARTMENT OF

31 Elderly Low Cost Drug Program
32 All Other \$100,000 \$ 235,000

33 Sec. 4. Transition provisions. Claims for refunds
34 under the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act based

1 on 1980 calendar year household income may be filed with the
2 Bureau of Taxation on or before April 15, 1982.

3 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in
4 the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

6 The purpose of this bill is reflected in the Emergency
7 Preamble.

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