## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST	REGULAR SESSION
ONE HUNDRED A	ND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Legislative Document	No. 1164
S.P. 379	In Senate, March 10, 1983
Referred to the Committee ordered printed.	on Taxation. Sent down for concurrence and
	JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
	Waldo. e Stevenson of Unity, Representative resentative Crowley of Stockton Springs.
ST	ATE OF MAINE
IN THE	YEAR OF OUR LORD
	NDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
	rease Benefits under the ers Tax and Rent Refund Act.
Be it enacted by the follows:	People of the State of Maine as
<b>Sec. 1. 36 MRSA</b> 698, §189, is further	§6108, as amended by PL 1981, c. amended to read:
§6108. Income limita	tion
No claim otherw	ise allowable may be granted to
	ember households with <u>adjusted</u> xcess of \$5,600 in calendar year
1980 and \$6,200 in	each succeeding year for which
relief is requested;	and no claim otherwise allowable
	imants of housholds of 2 or more household income in excess of
\$6,700 in calendar y	ear 1980 and \$7,400 in each sws-
	h relief is requested.

1	Sec. 2. 36 MR	SA §6108-A is enac	cted to read:
2	§6108-A. Adjustme	nts to household i	ncome
3 4 5	Persons not receiving the following public benefits may adjust their annual incomes by deducting the following amounts:		
6	ALLOWABLE DEDUCTION		
7		SINGLE MEMBER	2 OR MORE MEMBER
8	PROGRAM	HOUSEHOLD	HOUSEHOLD
9	Food Stamps	\$ 420	\$ 540
10	Public Housing	3,600	3,600
11	Fuel Assistance	450	450
12	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4,470</u>	\$4,590
13	STATEMENT OF FACT		
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	This bill provides equal treatment for persons not participating in certain public benefit programs by allowing them to deduct the amount of the estimated average benefit from their income. Currently, persons receiving public benefits are not required to include those benefits in their income, while people with slightly higher incomes who receive no public benefits must pay for their own food, fuel, housing and medical expenses and still are not eligible for tax or rent refunds because their incomes are too high.		

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