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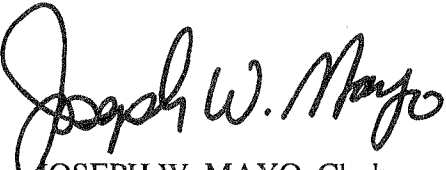
No. 1090

H.P. 802

House of Representatives, February 18, 1997

An Act to Change Income Guidelines Dealing with the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6162-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c.
368, Pt. CCC, §6 and affected by §11, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Income.** Eligibility for this program is determined by
7 ~~the same income levels as eligibility for elderly households is~~
8 ~~determined under chapter 907, except that individuals are also~~
9 ~~eligible for this program if the household spends at least 40% of~~
10 ~~its income on unreimbursed direct medical expenses for~~
11 ~~prescription drugs and the household income is not more than 25%~~
12 ~~higher than the levels specified in chapter 907.~~

14 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6212-A** is enacted to read:

16 **§6212-A. Elderly low-cost drug program eligibility**

18 A claimant representing an elderly household qualifies for
19 benefits under an elderly low-cost drug program established in
20 Title 22, section 254 if that claimant's annual income is at or
21 below the income limitations of this section. Health related
22 costs for prescriptions, medical supplies and health insurance up
23 to a maximum of \$150 per month per person in the household are
24 deducted from income in determining eligibility.

26 1. Single-member elderly households. Single-member elderly
27 households with an annual income at or below \$13,500 are eligible.

28 2. Elderly households with 2 or more members. Elderly
29 households with 2 or more members with an annual income at or
30 below \$15,000 are eligible.

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill changes the eligibility levels for an elderly
37 low-cost drug program to grant eligibility to single-person
38 households with an annual income up to \$13,500 and households of
39 2 or more members with an annual income up to \$15,000. Health
40 related costs for prescriptions, medical supplies and health
41 insurance are deducted from income in determining eligibility.
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