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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 'A' to S.P. 41, L.D. 135, Bill, "An Act To Create a Senior Tax Rebate Program for Established Residents"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶BB, as amended by PL 2003, c. 668, §9 and affected by §12 and amended by c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

BB. The disclosure to an authorized representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start and Child Care of taxpayer information directly relating to the certification of investments eligible for or the eligibility of a taxpayer for the quality child care investment credit provided by section 5219-Q; and

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶CC, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 668, §10 and affected by §12, is amended to read:

CC. The disclosure to an authorized representative of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation of information necessary for the administration of Title 10, chapter 222, and

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶DD is enacted to read:

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2 DD. The disclosure to an authorized representative of a
4 municipality that has adopted a municipal property tax
6 assistance program under chapter 907-A of information
8 related to a claimant's receipt of benefits under chapter
907. This paragraph does not authorize the disclosure of a
claimant's income. A municipality receiving information
under this paragraph shall keep the information confidential.

10 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA c. 907-A is enacted to read:**

12 **CHAPTER 907-A**

14 **MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE**

16 **§6231. Definitions**

18 For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context
20 otherwise indicates, the terms used in this chapter have the same
meaning as in chapter 907.

22 **§6232. Municipal authority**

24 The legislative body of a municipality may by ordinance
26 adopt a program to provide benefits to persons with homesteads in
the municipality.

28 1. Conditions of program. A program adopted under this
section must:

30 A. Provide that benefits are available only to claimants
32 who are at least 62 years of age;

34 B. Require that the claimant has a homestead in the
municipality;

36 C. Provide benefits for both owners and renters of
38 homesteads; and

40 D. Calculate benefits in a way that provides greater
42 benefits proportionally to claimants with lower incomes in
relation to their property taxes accrued or rent
constituting property taxes accrued.

44 2. Relationship to state program. Benefits received under
46 a program adopted by a municipality under this section are in
addition to benefits provided under chapter 907. A municipality
48 may, but is not required to, provide that:

50 A. Benefits under the program are equal to a percentage of
the benefits received by the claimant under chapter 907;



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund