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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H. P. 1265, L. D. 1641, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Elderly Household Tax Relief Act."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause
the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do
not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is of concern that the income of Maine's elderly
and disabled citizens continues to be low and that property taxes
and rents constitute an unfair burden to these citizens; and

Whereas, it is the purpose of this legislation to provide
more equitable tax or rent refunds for Maine's elderly or disabled
citizens; and

Whereas, the period for filing for refunds of 1972 taxes or
rent under this legislation commences August 1st which is less than
90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create
an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and
require the following legislation as immediately necessary for
the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore, '

Further amend said Bill in section 6 by inserting after
the underlined words "Social Security Act" the underlined words
'or Maine State Retirement System or was receiving, as a veteran,
any form of pension or compensation from the United States
Government for total disability, service connected or nonservice
connected,'

(Filing No. # 528)

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of subsections 2 and 3 of that part designated "§6112." of section 7.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 9 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 9. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Taxation the sum of \$826,624 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	<u>1973-74</u>
BUREAU OF TAXATION	
Tax Relief for the Elderly	
Personal Services	(1) \$ 4,794
All Other	821,500
Capital Expenditures	<u>330</u>
	\$826,624

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the Statement of Fact, the following:

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

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to include those persons who are not covered by Social Security but who are receiving disability benefits under the State Retirement System, to put an emergency preamble on the bill and to change the appropriation.

Reported by the Committee on Taxation.
 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
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