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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

(Filing No. H-722)

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 8, L.D. 20, Bill,

"AN ACT to Provide Lifeline Electrical Service for Older Citizens."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the first paragraph of that part designated "§33." of section 1 the following:

'1. Household. "Household" means a claimant and spouse and members of the household for whom the claimant under Title 36, chapter 901 is entitled to claim an exemption as a dependent under Title 36, chapter 801 for the year for which relief is requested;

2. Household income. "Household income" means all income received by all persons of a household in a calendar year while members of the household;

3. Income. "Income" means the sum of Maine adjusted gross income determined in accordance with Title 36, chapter 801, the amount of capital gains excluded from adjusted gross income, alimony, support money, nontaxable strike benefits, the gross amount of any pension or annuity including railroad retirement benefits, all payments received under the Federal Social Security Act, state unemployment insurance laws, and veterans disability pensions, nontaxable interest received from the Federal Government or any of its instrumentalities, workmen's compensation and the gross amount of "loss of time" insurance, cash public assistance and relief, but not including relief granted under Title 36, chapter 901. It does not include gifts from nongovernmental sources or surplus foods or other relief in kind supplied by a governmental agency;'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§83." of section 1 by renumbering subsections 1 and 2 to be subsections 4 and 5.

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end of that part designated "§84." of section 1 the following:

'4. No claim for lifeline rate otherwise allowable shall be granted to claimants of single member households with household income in excess of \$4,500 for ^{the} previous calendar year; and no claim otherwise allowable shall be granted to claimants of households of 2 or more members with income in excess of \$5,000 for the previous calendar year.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to establish eligibility guidelines for lifeline electrical rates to correspond to income guidelines in the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act.

Filed by Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

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