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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1601

H. P. 1287

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Berry of Madison.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Morin of Old Orchard Beach.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Amend the Catastrophic Illness Program by Exempting Senior Citizens from Certain Requirements and Assuring Reimbursement under Certain Circumstances.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3454, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 768, § 1, is amended by adding after the 7th sentence a new sentence to read:

Provided, that in the case of an applicant 62 years of age or older, 2 of the above requirements shall not apply, namely: The requirement that 20% of net income before taxes be applicable to liabilities for care and the requirement that the "residual liability" be greater than \$1,000 for a payment to be made from this fund.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 3454, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 768, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

When a person has been declared eligible in the previous 12-month period, no reimbursement shall be denied in the next subsequent 12-month period solely because an administrative redetermination of eligibility has not been made or is in the process of being made.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to exempt persons 62 years of age or older from 2 deductible provisions of the catastrophic illness program, and to assure that applicants who have been in the program in one year are not denied participation solely because an administrative redetermination of eligibility has not been made in the next.