

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 489

S. P. 172

In Senate, February 17, 1977

Referred to Committee on Taxation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Exempting Blind Property Owners from Real Property Tax.

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

36 MRSA § 654, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, 2nd and 3rd sentences, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 765, § 12, are amended to read:

The residential real estate up to the value of ~~\$3,000~~ **\$4,000** of inhabitants of Maine who are legally blind as determined by the Department of Human Services ~~provided the value of such real estate does not exceed \$10,000. If the value exceeds \$10,000 but not more than \$20,000, the exemption shall be \$2,000~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a uniform exemption from property tax for blind persons up to the first \$4,000 of real estate value. Prior law granted a \$3,000 exemption to blind persons whose real estate value did not exceed \$10,000 and a \$2,000 exemption for blind persons whose valuation fell between \$10,000 and \$20,000. By removing the limits on real estate value this bill will make the tax exemption benefits available to a greater number of blind persons.