

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1115**

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H. P. 919

House of Representatives, March 17, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Goodwin of Bath.

Cosponsor: Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Amend the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act to Allow Access to State Tax Assessor's Records by the Department of Human Services.**

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

Whereas, implementation of a free drug program for the elderly on a timely basis requires immediate availability of information and continued availability of information; and

Whereas, failure to share information between the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Human Services will result in a duplication of effort and additional unneeded expense to the taxpayers of Maine; 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,

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

36 MRSA § 6121, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Information to the Department of Human Services. The disclosure of information from records or files of the State Tax Assessor to duly authorized representatives of the Commissioner of Human Services. Such information

shall be provided upon written request by the commissioner or his duly authorized representatives. Such information shall be used by the Department of Human Services solely for the purpose of identifying and locating those individuals who may be eligible for the free drugs to the elderly and disadvantaged program as administered by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 254.

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

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill would allow the State Tax Assessor to release the names and addresses of those individuals eligibl for the free drugs to the elderly program to the Department of Human Services. This will enable the department to conduct a program to provide free drugs to the elderly and disadvantaged citizens of Maine.