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# STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 952, L.D. 1146, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish Limits for Elderly Householders' Tax and Rent Refunds."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6111, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 771, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

#### §6111. Age limitation

No claim shall be granted which is otherwise allowable under this Part, unless at least one member of the household shall:

- 1. Attained age of 62. Have attained the age of 62 during the year for which relief is requested; or
- 2. Disabled widow or widower. Be a widow or widower who has not remarried, who has attained the age of 55 during the year for which relief is requested, and who, due to a disability, is receiving federal disability payments, such as supplemental security income.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6112, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 771, §2, is amended to read:

### §6112. Amount of claim

The claim shall be limited to the amount by which property taxes accrued, or rent constituting property taxes accrued in such tax year on the claimant's homestead, is in excess of 21% 6% of such household income which exceeds \$3,000 but does not exceed \$5,000.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Bureau of Taxation from the General Fund for fiscal year 1978-79 the sum of \$1,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1978-79

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,

DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Taxation

All Other

\$1,000,000'

## Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Increase the amount of relief that might be claimed under the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act; and

2. Make eligible for this elderly tax relief program the following persons: seriously disabled widows or widowers, who are 55 years of age and meet the program's low income requirements.

Reported by the Committee on Taxation.

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