

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE (Filing No. S-186)  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 440, L.D. 1531,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Lighten the Burden of Property Taxes  
on the Elderly Widowed or Disabled."

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'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6111, as last repealed and replaced  
by PL 1973, c. 771, §2, is repealed and the following  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/<sup>of</sup>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 requested, and who, due to a  
/which relief is/disability, is receiving Federal disability  
payments, such as supplemental security income.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the  
Bureau of Taxation from the General Fund/the sum of \$81,500  
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

\$81,500

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Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1978.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to assist with the burden of property taxes, widows or widowers who are 55 years of age or older and who are disabled.

It makes these people eligible for the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Program.

This amendment adds an appropriation and effective date to the original bill and clarifies exactly who will be eligible.

Reported by the Committee on Taxation.

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