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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-1044)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1912,  
L.D. 1973, Bill, "AN ACT to Expand the Elderly Low Cost Drug  
Program."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the  
title and inserting in its place the following:

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and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §254, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 619,  
§1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Individuals eligible for participation. Eligibility  
status of individuals shall be determined by the State Tax  
Assessor pursuant to Title 36, Part 9-A.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6121, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 345,  
is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA Pt. 9-A is enacted to read:

PART 9-A

CHAPTER 903

Elderly Low Cost Drug Eligibility

§6151. Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to determine and certify the  
eligibility status of individuals for the Elderly Low Cost  
Drug Program.

§6152. Administration

The State Tax Assessor shall make available suitable

applications with instructions for applicants. The application shall be in such form as the State Tax Assessor may prescribe and shall be signed under the pains and penalties of perjury. The funds for the administration of this Part shall be appropriated under the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act.

§6153. Eligibility criteria

All individuals are to be eligible for the ~~Elderly~~ ~~Low Cost Drug Program~~, Title 22, section 254, if they meet the age and income criteria for Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act and are legal residents of Maine at the time the application is filed, except that individuals receiving state supplemental income benefits or relinquishing residency shall invalidate their eligibility.

§6154. Appeal

The eligibility decision shall be final agency action subject to appeal in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

§6155. Certification

The State Tax Assessor shall annually issue an identification certificate to eligible applicants. The certificate shall be valid for the 15-month period beginning October 1st of the current calendar year through December 31st of the following year.

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Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

		<u>1978-79</u>
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Taxation		
Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund		
Personal Services	(3)	\$ 35,000
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Elderly Low Cost Drug Program		
All Other		\$965,000'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to remove the unnecessary emergency and to put in the appropriate language for the proper administration of the program.

Filed by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.  
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