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L.D. 1973
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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
108TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" 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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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

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c. 619, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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c. 345, is repealed.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. The State Tax Assessor shall accept applications for eligibility throughout the year and no application shall be denied on the basis that an application was not submitted before a deadline set by the State Tax Assessor.

§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

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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.

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

1978-79

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 665,000

The amounts appropriated are not to be used if funds become available from the Federal Government under a pilot project for elderly low cost drugs. If the federal funds become available, the appropriations in this Act shall lapse to the General Fund.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the Bureau of Taxation shall expand the elderly low cost drug program. It also reduces the appropriation and adds language for its use.

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