

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1988

H. P. 1927

Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Taxation suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Goodwin of Bath.

Cosponsors: Mr. Curran of So. Portland, Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington, Mr. McBreairty of Perham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Expand Eligibility under the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 6108, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 634, § 3 is amended to read:

§ 6108. Income limitation

No claim otherwise allowable shall be granted to claimants of single member households with household income in excess of ~~\$4,500~~ **\$5,000** in the year for which relief is requested; and no claim otherwise allowable shall be granted to claimants of households of 2 or more members with income in excess of ~~\$5,000~~ **\$6,000** in the year for which relief is requested.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 6112, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 579, § D1 is further 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 10% of such household income which exceeds \$3,000 but does not exceed ~~\$5,000~~ **\$6,000**.

Sec. 3. 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	
All Other	\$900,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to expand eligibility for the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Program by raising the income limitation to \$5,000 for a single individual and \$6,000 for a couple or any household of 2 or more.