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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1983, L.D. 2070, Bill,
"AN ACT Increasing Benefits for Certain Claimants under the
Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act."

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

'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Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6108, as repealed and replaced by PL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, §D, §1, 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.~~

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 \$1,400,000'

Fiscal Note

The cost of expanding eligibility and removing the 10% limitation for the fiscal year 1978-79 will be \$1,400,000.

Statement of Fact

This amendment raises the income eligibility for a single person from \$4,500 to \$5,000 and for a couple from \$5,000 to \$6,000. It also eliminates the emergency provisions from the bill as they are unnecessary.

Filed by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

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