

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 524**

H. P. 404

House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Masterman of Milo.

Cosponsor: Mr. Dutremble of Biddeford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Expand Eligibility for Elderly Tax and Rent Relief.**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 6108**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 686, § 16, is further 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 ~~\$5,000~~ **\$6,000** 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 ~~\$6,000~~ **\$7,500** in the year for which relief is requested.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 6112**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 686, § 17, is amended to read: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, **except that claims shall be limited to 50% of these accrued amounts if the claimant earned over \$5,000, if a single member household, or over \$6,000 if a household with 2 or more members.**

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1980-81

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,

DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

\$612,500

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to expand the income eligibility requirements of the elderly tax and rent relief program member household. This approach would decrease the possible benefits by 50% for these newly eligible claimants. This would tend to soften the present inequity of a person being denied relief because he earns even \$1 more than the present guidelines.