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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1653, L.D. 1762, Bill,
"AN ACT Broadening the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Act to
Include Persons who are Currently Married as well as Un-
married under the Eligibility Standards."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting the following in its place:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6103, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1979,
c. 541, Part B, §56, is further amended by adding at the end
a new sentence to read:

Ownership of a homestead under this chapter may be by fee,
by life tenancy, by bond for deed, as mortgagee or any other
possessory type interest in which the owner is personally
responsible for the tax for which he claims a refund.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6111, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 561,
§1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6111. Age limitation

A claim which is otherwise allowable under this chapter
shall only be granted when:

Age 62.

1./ At least one member of the household has attained
the age of 62 during the year for which relief is requested;

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2. Age 55; not married. The claimant is currently not married and has attained the age of 55 during the year for which relief is requested and is, due to disability, receiving federal disability payments, such as supplemental security income; or

3. Age 55; married. The claimant is currently married and has attained the age of 55 during the year for which relief is requested and both the claimant and the claimant's spouse are, due to disability, receiving federal disability payments, such as supplemental security income.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the law so as to specifically include, as eligible claimants, life tenants who are personally responsible for the tax for which a refund is claimed.

This amendment also limits claims to married eligible claimants who are both disabled and removes the appropriation which is no longer necessary.

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