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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1762

H. P. 1653

House of Representatives, January 3, 1980

Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and Ordered Printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Nelson of Portland and Mr. Hickey of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Broadening the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund Act to Include Persons who are Currently Married as well as Unmarried under the Eligibility Standards.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 6111, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 561, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Disabled. Have attained the age of 55 during the year for which relief is requested, and shall, due to a disability, be receiving federal disability payments, such as supplemental security income.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Taxation

Elderly Householders Tax and
Rent Refund

All Other

1980-81

\$390,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remove restrictions on eligibility under the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act. Presently, the Act provides that certain claimants who meet all other eligibility requirements are not eligible unless they are unmarried. This bill would make persons who meet the requirements for relief eligible for that relief without regard to their marital status.