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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 85, L.D. 266, Bill, "AN ACT to Modify Inequitable Income Eligibility Guidelines in the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act and to Increase Income Eligibility to Conform with Other Federally Established Poverty Levels."

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Index Eligibility Levels for the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Program to Conform to Increases in Social Security Benefits.'

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

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'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6103, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

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4-A. Household income eligibility adjustment factor. "Household income eligibility adjustment factor" means one plus the annualized cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security retirement benefits during the year for which relief is requested.

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Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6108, as amended by PL 1981, c. 698, §189, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

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Beginning March 1, 1986, and annually thereafter, the State Tax Assessor shall determine the household income eligibility adjustment factor. That factor shall be multiplied by the income limitations applicable for the year prior to that for which relief is requested. The result shall be rounded to the nearest \$100 and shall apply to the year for which relief is

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1 requested corresponding to the year on which the an-  
2 nualized cost-of-living adjustments were based.

3 FISCAL NOTE

4 The adjustments provided by this bill can be ac-  
5 commodated within the amount appropriated for fiscal  
6 year 1986-87 for this program.'

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This amendment provides for increases in the eli-  
9 gibility levels for the Elderly Tax and Rent Refund  
10 Program equivalent to Social Security cost-of-living  
11 increases.

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