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HOUSE AMENDMENT "^B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to H.P. 537, L.D. 721, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Relief
from Property Taxes through a Low-income Credit
Circuit Breaker."

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Amend the amendment by striking out everything
after the title and inserting in its place the fol-
lowing:

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'Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title
and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT to Provide Relief to the Elderly from
Property Taxes through the Elderly Tax and Rent Re-
fund Circuit Breaker.'

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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-§1-B, is enacted to
read:

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1-B. Benefit base. "Benefit base" means proper-
ty tax accrued or rent constituting property tax ac-
crued.

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Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6108-A is enacted to read:
§6108-A. Benefits for 1987 and succeeding years

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Notwithstanding section 6108, for years for which
relief is requested beginning with 1987, a claimant
shall qualify for the following benefits, subject to
the following income limitations.

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1. Single member households. For single member

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1 households, the benefits shall be calculated as fol-
2 lows.

| 3 | <u>If household income equals:</u> | <u>The benefit equals:</u> |
|----|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 | <u>\$ 0 to \$6,800</u> | <u>100% of the benefit</u> |
| 5 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |
| 6 | | <u>of \$400</u> |
| 7 | <u>\$6,801 to \$7,000</u> | <u>75% of the benefit</u> |
| 8 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |
| 9 | | <u>of \$300</u> |
| 10 | <u>\$7,001 to \$7,200</u> | <u>50% of the benefit</u> |
| 11 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |
| 12 | | <u>of \$200</u> |
| 13 | <u>\$7,201 to \$7,400</u> | <u>25% of the benefit</u> |
| 14 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |
| 15 | | <u>of \$100</u> |

16 2. Elderly households with 2 or more members.
17 For elderly households with 2 or more members, the
18 benefit shall be calculated as follows.

| 19 | <u>If household income equals:</u> | <u>The benefit equals:</u> |
|----|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 20 | <u>\$ 0 to \$8,100</u> | <u>100% of the benefit</u> |
| 21 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |
| 22 | | <u>of \$400</u> |
| 23 | <u>\$8,101 to \$8,500</u> | <u>75% of the benefit</u> |
| 24 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |
| 25 | | <u>of \$300</u> |
| 26 | <u>\$8,501 to \$8,800</u> | <u>50% of the benefit</u> |
| 27 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |
| 28 | | <u>of \$200</u> |
| 29 | <u>\$8,801 to \$9,200</u> | <u>25% of the benefit</u> |
| 30 | | <u>base up to a maximum</u> |

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1 of \$100

2 3. Adjustment. The income eligibility levels in
3 this section shall be adjusted in the manner provided
4 in section 6108 beginning March 1, 1988.

5 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are
6 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out th
7 purposes of this Act.

8 1988-89

9 FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF

10 Bureau of Taxation

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|----|-------------------|------------------|
| 11 | Positions | (1) |
| 12 | Personal Services | \$ 18,000 |
| 13 | All Other | 22,000 |
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| 15 | Total | <u>\$ 40,000</u> |

16 Elderly Householders'
17 Tax Refund

18 All Other 1,307,000

19 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

20 TOTAL \$1,347,000

21 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
22 OF

23 Free Drugs to Maine's
24 Elderly

25 All Other \$ 720,000

26 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SER-
27 VICES

28 TOTAL \$ 720,000

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| 1 | <u>TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE</u> | |
| 2 | <u>OF</u> | |
| 3 | State-Municipal Revenue | |
| 4 | Sharing | |
| 5 | All Other | \$2,301,000 |
| 6 | OFFICE OF TREASURER OF | |
| 7 | STATE | |
| 8 | TOTAL | <u>\$2,301,000</u> |
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| 10 | TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | <u>\$4,368,000'</u> |

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This amendment restricts circuit breaker relief
13 to the elderly program and provides that the funds
14 appropriated in the committee amendment for the
15 nonelderly program will be appropriated instead to
16 municipal revenue sharing.

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