

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1357

S.P. 443

In Senate, April 28, 1987

Reported by Senator Gauvreau of Androscoggin for the  
Committee on Human Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.  
Original Bill sponsored by Senator Berube of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by: Representative Stevens of Sabattus, Senator  
Gill of Cumberland, Representative Hickey of Augusta.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1                    **AN ACT to Amend the Definition of Eligibility**  
2                    **under the Elderly Low-cost Drug**  
3                    **Program.**  
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5                    Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6                    follows:

7                    **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6162, as enacted by PL 1979, c.**  
8                    **726, §7, is amended to read:**

9                    §6162. Eligibility criteria; appeal

10                    All individuals who meet the age and income cri-  
11                    teria of the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund  
12                    Act are eligible for the Elderly ~~Low--Cost~~ Low-cost  
13                    Drug Program described in Title 22, section 254 if  
14                    they are legal residents of Maine at the time the ap-

1 plication is filed, except that individuals receiving  
2 state supplemental income benefits or relinquishing  
3 residency are ineligible for that program.

4 The eligibility decision, made by the State Tax  
5 Assessor or his designee, shall be final, subject to  
6 appeal in accordance with the Maine Administrative  
7 Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375.

8 Notwithstanding section 6108, if the income of a  
9 household of 2 or more members does not exceed twice  
10 the individual income limitation set out in section  
11 6108, as annually adjusted, members of the household  
12 are eligible for the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program.

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

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Bureau of Medical Services		
All Other	\$1,511,400	\$2,015,200
<u>FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Bureau of Taxation		
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000

23 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall be ef-  
24 fective with regard to household income in calendar  
25 year 1986 and thereafter.

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FISCAL NOTE

2           This new draft increases the number of eligible  
3 participants in the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program.  
4 It requires total appropriations of \$1,541,400 and  
5 \$2,045,200 in fiscal years 1987-88 and 1988-89, re-  
6 spectively. Included in these amounts are \$30,000  
7 each year to cover the additional administrative  
8 costs of the Bureau of Taxation.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

10           This new draft changes the bill as follows:

11           1. Rewords the operative language to avoid im-  
12 proper implementation of this new draft;

13           2. Adds an appropriation section and fiscal  
14 note; and

15           3. Adds an effective date.

16           The intent of this new draft remains unchanged  
17 from the original: To allow households of 2 or more  
18 persons to qualify for the Elderly Low-cost Drug Pro-  
19 gram, even if their combined incomes exceed the stat-  
20 utory limitations, if each member's income does not  
21 exceed the limitation established for individuals.

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