

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 772

In Senate, January 13, 1988

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTES of York.

Cosponsored by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Permit Regional Variations in
Circuit Breaker Programs.**

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

6 36 MRSA §6209-A is enacted to read:

7 §6209-A. Regional adjustments

8 The maximum amounts specified in this chapter
9 shall be the average maximum benefit paid to eligible

1 individuals. The State Tax Assessor shall annually
2 adopt by rule, pursuant to the Maine Administrative
3 Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, regional maximum
4 benefit levels to reflect regional variations in
5 housing costs. Two maximum benefit levels shall be
6 adopted for each county; one for urban areas in the
7 county and one for rural areas. The maximum regional
8 benefit levels shall be in the same proportion to the
9 average maximum benefit as the average sale price of
10 residential property in the region is to the statewide
11 average sale price.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This bill provides that benefits from statewide
14 property tax and rent refund programs will vary
15 according to the relative cost of shelter in the
16 various regions of the State. The State Tax Assessor
17 is required to calculate maximum benefit levels for
18 rural and urban regions in each county which are
19 proportional to the average selling price of
20 residential property in that region.

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