

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1554 House of Representatives, January 21, 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.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives CASHMAN of Old Town, MAYO
of Thomaston and Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend Eligibility
2 Requirements under the Household
3 Tax and Rent Refund Act and the
4 Elderly Low-Cost Drug Program.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 1. 36 MRS § 6162-A, sub-§2, as enacted by
9 PL 1987, c. 528, §2, is repealed and the following

1 enacted in its place:

2 2. Income. Individuals qualify under this
3 program if they meet the income levels for eligibility
4 for elderly households under chapter 907.

5 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6206, sub-§§1 and 2, as
6 enacted by PL 1987, c. 516, §§3 and 6, are repealed
7 and the following enacted in their place:

8 1. Single-member elderly households. For
9 single-member elderly households, the benefit shall be
10 calculated as follows:

11 <u>If household income</u>	<u>The benefit equals:</u>
12 <u>equals:</u>	
13 <u>\$ 0 to \$6,800</u>	<u>100% of the benefit base up to</u>
14	<u>a maximum of \$400</u>
15 <u>\$6,801 to \$7,100</u>	<u>75% of the benefit base up to</u>
16	<u>a maximum of \$300</u>
17 <u>\$7,101 to \$7,400</u>	<u>50% of the benefit base up to</u>
18	<u>a maximum of \$200</u>
19 <u>\$7,401 to \$7,700</u>	<u>25% of the benefit base up to</u>
20	<u>a maximum of \$100</u>

21 2. Elderly households with 2 or more members.
22 For elderly households with 2 or more members, the
23 benefit shall be calculated as follows:

24 <u>If household income</u>	<u>The benefit equals:</u>
25 <u>equals:</u>	
26 <u>\$ 0 to \$8,100</u>	<u>100% of the benefit base up to</u>
27	<u>a maximum of \$400</u>
28 <u>\$8,101 to \$8,600</u>	<u>75% of the benefit base up to</u>
29	<u>a maximum of \$300</u>
30 <u>\$8,601 to \$9,000</u>	<u>50% of the benefit base up to</u>
31	<u>a maximum of \$200</u>
32 <u>\$9,001 to \$9,500</u>	<u>25% of the benefit base up to</u>
33	<u>a maximum of \$100</u>

1 Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§§1 and 2, as
2 enacted by PL 1987, c. 516, §§3 and 6, are repealed
3 and the following enacted in their place:

4 1. Single-member nonelderly households. For
5 single-member nonelderly households, the benefit shall
6 be 100% of the benefit base up to the following
7 amounts:

8 A. For claims submitted after July 1, 1988:

9	<u>If household income</u>	<u>The maximum benefit equals:</u>
10	<u>equals:</u>	
11	<u>\$ 0 to \$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$200</u>
12	<u>\$2,501 to \$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$150</u>
13	<u>\$5,001 to \$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$125</u>
14	<u>\$7,501 to \$10,000</u>	<u>\$100</u>

15 2. Nonelderly households with 2 or more members.
16 For nonelderly households with 2 or more members, the
17 benefit shall be 100% of the benefit base up to the
18 following amounts:

19 A. For claims submitted after July 1, 1988:

20	<u>If household income</u>	<u>The maximum benefit equals:</u>
21	<u>equals:</u>	
22	<u>\$ 0 to \$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$250</u>
23	<u>\$ 2,501 to \$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$200</u>
24	<u>\$ 5,001 to \$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$175</u>
25	<u>\$ 7,501 to \$10,000</u>	<u>\$150</u>
26	<u>\$10,001 to \$12,500</u>	<u>\$100</u>
27	<u>\$12,501 to \$15,000</u>	<u>\$75</u>

1 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §6217, as enacted by PL 1987,**
2 **c. 516, §§3 and 6, is repealed.**

3 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

4 This bill increases eligibility levels for the
5 elderly circuit breaker and the elderly low-cost drug
6 program to \$7,700 for single individuals and \$9,500
7 for households with 2 or more members. It also
8 increases benefits and eligibility levels under the
9 nonelderly circuit breaker and repeals the sunset on
10 that program.

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