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In Senate, February 22, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative CHONKO of Topsham and Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Revise the Eligibility Requirements for Elderly Low-cost Drug Recipients.

(EMERGENCY)



1	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
_	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
3	as emergencies; and
5	Whereas, Public Law 1987, chapter 876, section 4 will
	become effective July 1, 1989 and set eligibility for the elderly
7	low-cost drug program at the same levels as elderly households under the Household Tax and Rent Refund Act, the Maine Revised
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9	Statutes, Title 36, chapter 907; and
11	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
10	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
13	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
15	safety; now, therefore,
17	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
19	36 MRSA §6162-A, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 876, §§4 and 10, is repealed and the following enacted
21	in its place:
23	2. Income. An individual whose income does not exceed
	\$6,600 in 1986 and as adjusted in subsequent years qualifies
25	under this program.
27	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
,	preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
29	predible, this Act shall take effect when approved:
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This bill repeals the provision which sets eligibility
35	requirements for the elderly low-cost drug program as the same as those for the Household Tax and Rent Refund Act. The new
37	standard independent of the Household Tay and Pent Rofund Act

is based on individual rather than household income.