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1	L.D. 1088
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7	STATE OF MAINE
9	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  114TH LEGISLATURE  FIRST PECULAR SESSION
11	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
13	HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 776, L.D. 1088, Bill, "An Act to Provide Comprehensive Property Tax
15	Relief"
17	Amend the amendment in the emergency preamble in the 2nd "Whereas," paragraph in the first and 2nd lines (page 1, lines
19	23 and 24 in amendment) by striking out the following: "household tax and rent refund program" and inserting in its
21	place the following: 'Maine Residents Property Tax Program'
23	Further amend amendment in Part B by inserting before section 1 the following:
25	'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA c. 907, first 2 lines are repealed and the
27	following enacted in their place:
29	CHAPTER 907
31	MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM
33 35	Sec. 2. 36 MRSA $\S6201$ , sub- $\S1$ , as enacted by PL 1987, c. 516, $\S\S3$ and 6, is amended read:
37	1. Benefit base. "Benefit base" means property taxes accrued or rent constituting property taxes accrued. <u>In the case of a claimant paying both rent and property taxes for a</u>
39	homestead, benefit base means both property taxes accrued and rent constituting property taxes accrued.
41 43	Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §6201-A is enacted to read:
45	§6201-A. Short title
47	This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Maine Residents Property Tax Program."
49	Further amend the amendment in Part B by inserting after section 4 the following:

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_	'Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §§6218 to 6220 are enacted to read:
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r	§6218. Readability; application; instructions
5	The application form and instructions used by applicants for
7	assistance under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program and its
•	successor, if any, shall have a readability score, as determined
9	by a recognized instrument for measuring adult literacy levels,
	equivalent to no higher than a 6th grade reading level.
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	§6219. Outreach plan required
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3.5	The Bureau of Taxation shall develop and implement a plan of
15	outreach to ensure that all eligible households are made aware of
17	assistance available under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program and its successor, if any.
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19	\$6220. Coordination required
21	The Bureau of Taxation shall seek the advice and cooperation
	of the Bureau of Maine's Elderly; the Bureau of Income
23	Maintenance: the Division of Community Services: advocates for
	elderly and low-income individuals; the Maine Literacy Coalition;
25	and other interested agencies and organizations in developing the
27	application form and instruction booklet for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program and the outreach plan required by section
21	6219.'
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	Further amend the amendment in Part B by renumbering the
31	sections to read consecutively.
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25	STATEMENT OF FACT
35	This amendment adds a new chapter heading and title to the
37	household tax and rent refund act and requires certain
<b>3</b> ,	adminstrative changes to the property tax program.
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