

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell, Representative CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor and Representative LAWRENCE of Kittery.

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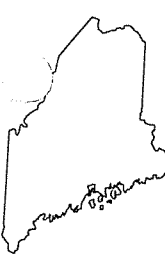
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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**An Act Amending the Guidelines for the Elderly Householders Tax  
and Rent Refund Program and the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program.**

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1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6206, sub-§§1 and 2,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
516, §§3 and 6, are amended to read:

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7 **1. Single-member elderly households.** For single-member  
elderly households, the benefit shall be calculated as follows:

9 If household income                      The benefit equals:  
11 equals:

13 \$ 0 to <del>\$6,800</del> <u>\$7,600</u>	100% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$400
15 <del>\$6,801 to \$7,000</del> <u>\$7,601 to \$7,800</u>	75% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$300
17 <del>\$7,001 to \$7,200</del> <u>\$7,801 to \$8,000</u>	50% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$200
19 <del>\$7,201 to \$7,400</del> <u>\$8,001 to \$8,200</u>	25% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$100

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25 **2. Elderly households with 2 or more members.** For elderly  
households with 2 or more members, the benefit shall be  
calculated as follows:

27 If household income                      The benefit equals:  
29 equals:

31 \$ 0 to <del>\$8,100</del> <u>\$8,900</u>	100% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$400
33 <del>\$8,101 to \$8,500</del> <u>\$8,901 to \$9,300</u>	75% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$300
35 <del>\$8,501 to \$8,800</del> <u>\$9,301 to \$9,600</u>	50% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$200
37 <del>\$8,801 to \$9,200</del> <u>\$9,601 to \$10,000</u>	25% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$100

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

	1989-90	1990-91
47 <b>FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
49 <b>Elderly Households Tax Refund</b>		
51 All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

1 Provides funds to allow for  
3 an increase in the income  
5 eligibility ceilings by \$800  
in each category.

7 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

9 **Elderly Low-cost Drug Program**

11 All Other \$ 82,500 \$110,000

13 Provides funds to allow for  
15 an increased number of  
17 eligible participants in this  
program due to the higher  
income limitations  
19 established in this Act.

21 **FISCAL NOTE**

23 The fiscal impact to the bill is identified in the  
25 appropriation. Only partial funding is provided for the drug  
program due to the effective date of the bill.

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29 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

31 The purpose of this bill is to increase the income  
33 eligibility levels under the household tax and rent refund law as  
they apply to elderly households and under the elderly low-cost  
35 drug program in the same proportion as exists in the current  
eligibility levels.