

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*Ed Pert*

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CASHMAN of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland, Representative NADEAU of Saco and Representative DUFFY of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**An Act to Integrate Relief Provided by the Maine Residents Property  
Tax Program with Poverty Abatements.**

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

4 **36 MRSA §6216, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 516, §§3, 6,**  
is amended to read:

6 Benefits received under this chapter may not be included as  
8 income for purposes of any state or municipally administered  
public benefit program but may be considered for purposes of  
10 determining eligibility for abatement under section 841,  
subsection 2.

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14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 It is unclear whether refunds under the Maine Residents  
18 Property Tax Program, the so-called "circuit breaker," can be  
considered by local officials in determining eligibility for  
20 poverty abatements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36,  
section 841. The purpose of this bill is to make refunds under  
22 the Maine Residents Property Tax Program a part of the income  
equation for purposes of measuring an abatement applicant's  
24 ability or inability to pay.