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House of Representatives, December 21, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representative CARTER of Winslow, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Amend the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program.

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, rising medical costs are an increasing burden on
the elderly of this State; and

8 Whereas, recent legislation easing the financial burden on
participants in the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program will not take
effect until July 1, 1990; and

12 Whereas, this legislation seeks to make that legislation
immediately effective; and

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16 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
18 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. PL 1989, c. 596, Pt. N, §9 is repealed.**

24 **Sec. 2. Application.** The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22,
26 section 254, as amended by Public Law 1989, chapter 564, becomes
effective on the effective date of this Act.

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
30 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This bill moves the date of reducing the copayment for
participants in the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program from July 1,
38 1990, to the effective date of this bill.