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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representative STROUT of Corinth.

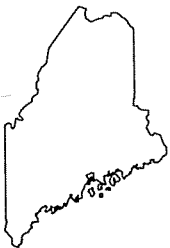
STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Provide Emergency Fuel Assistance to Elderly and Low-income Residents.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



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

4 **Whereas,** unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency
6 measure, many of Maine's elderly and low-income households will
face severe hardships immediately because of the inability to
8 procure necessary home energy assistance; and

10 **Whereas,** benefit levels for the basic Home Energy Assistance
Program have been reduced by 20% and home heating fuel prices
12 have risen by 100% or more; and

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

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

22 **Sec. 1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
Property Tax Relief Reserve fund to carry out the purposes of
24 this Act.

26 **1989-90**
28 **FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF**
30 **Bureau of Taxation - Maine Residents**
Property Tax Program

32 All Other (\$2,000,000)
34 Deallocates funds not needed for the program.
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38 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

40 **1989-90**
42 **FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF**
44 **Property Tax Relief Reserve**

46 All Other (\$2,000,000)
48 Deappropriates funds not needed in the
reserve.
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