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House of Representatives, January 11, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

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 Lowincome Residents.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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6	Whereas, unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency measure, many of Maine's elderly and low-income households will
8	face severe hardships immediately because of the inability to 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.
36	Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
38	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.

	Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
2	from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
4	1989-90
6	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
8	Low-income Home Energy Assistance
10	All Other \$2,000,000
12	Provides supplemental funding for home energy assistance for elderly and low-income
14	households. Funds must be used to increase benefit levels in the basic Home Energy
16	Assistance Program.
18	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
20	Freducts, cuts not bust come direct when defroved.
22	STATEMENT OF FACT
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26	This bill removes surplus money, in the amount of \$2,000,000, originally earmarked for the homestead tax exemption through the Maine Residents Property Tax Program and appropriates
28	those funds to the Executive Department to be used for supplemental funding for home energy assistance for elderly and
30	low-income households. The funds must be used to increase benefit levels in the basic Home Energy Assistance Program.