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House of Representatives, February 20, 1991

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 SIMPSON of Casco.

Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Thomaston and Representative DORE of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Change Eligibility Requirements for the Maine Residents
Property Tax Program.**



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

4 Sec. 1. 36 MRS A §6207, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 878,
Pt. B, §§36 and 37, is repealed and the following enacted in its
6 place:

8 1. Benefit calculation. For claimants representing a
nonelderly household, the benefit equals 100% of the portion of
the base benefit greater than 8.5% of household income plus:

10 If household income equals:

12 \$0 to \$20,000

50% of the base benefit
that exceeds 2.5% but does
not exceed 8.5% of
household income

14 \$20,001 to \$40,000

50% of the base benefit
that exceeds 3.5% but does
not exceed 8.5% of
household income

16 \$40,001 to \$60,000

50% of the base benefit
that exceeds 4.5% but does
not exceed 8.5% of
household income

18 Sec. 2. 36 MRS A §6207, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

20 5. Maximum limit. A benefit calculated under this section
may not exceed \$3,000.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

36 This bill changes the nonelderly household provision of the
38 property tax circuit breaker from a single benefit base of 4.5%
to graduated rates based on household income. Household incomes
of \$0 to \$20,000 will have a benefit base of 2.5%; household
40 incomes from \$20,001 to \$40,000 will have a benefit base of 3.5%;
and household incomes from \$40,001 to \$60,000 will have a benefit
42 base of 4.5%.