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House of Representatives, February 9, 1993

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

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath. Cosponsored by Representatives: KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, NADEAU of Saco, PFEIFFER of Brunswick, Senator: BERUBE of Androscoggin.

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

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Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6206, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Adjustment in the calculation of income. A claimant representing an elderly household qualifies for the benefits described in subsection 1 or 2, if:

A. The household income is up to 25% greater than the corresponding household income limits in subsection 1 or 2; and

B. At least 40% of the household income is spent on health care expenses, including, but not limited to, health insurances, medical services and prescription drugs.

The amount of benefits for which the claimant gualifies must be based on the household income excluding the percentage of income that is spent on health care.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill expands the eligibility requirements of the Maine Residents Property Tax Program to include members of households in which the household income is up to 25% greater than currently allowed by law but 40% or more of the household income is spent on health care. This bill also expands the eligibility requirements of the elderly low-cost drug program.