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S.P. 440

In Senate, May 3, 1993

An Act to Establish an Alternate Elderly Low Cost Drug Program.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: CIANCHETTE of Somerset, HANDY of Androscoggin,
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, JOSEPH of
Waterville.

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

4 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6165 is enacted to read:

6 §6165. Alternate program

8 1. Age; residence. An individual ineligible under section
10 6162-A is eligible for an alternate elderly low-cost drug program
if that individual is 65 years of age or older and is a legal
resident of this State at the time the application is filed.

12 2. Benefit levels. Benefits under the alternate program
14 are calculated as follows. "Benefit base" has the same meaning
as set out in section 6201, subsection 1.

16 A. If an individual's income is \$0 to \$10,000, the benefit
18 equals 100% of the benefit base up to a maximum of \$400.

20 B. If an individual's income is \$10,001 to \$15,000, the
22 benefit equals 75% of the benefit base up to a maximum of
\$300.

24 C. If an individual's income is \$15,001 to \$20,000, the
26 benefit equals 50% of the benefit base up to a maximum of
\$200.

28 D. If an individual's income is more than \$20,000, the
30 benefit equals 25% of the benefit base up to a maximum of
\$100.

32 The income limitations in this subsection must be adjusted
annually in the same manner as provided in chapter 907.

34 3. Drugs covered. Drugs available under the alternate
36 program established in this section are limited to drugs used for
the following conditions, illnesses or diseases:

38 A. Respiratory;

40 B. Cardio-vascular or hypertension; and

42 C. Diabetes.

44 4. Administration; appeals. Section 6162-A, subsection 7
46 and sections 6163 and 6164 apply to the alternate program.

48 STATEMENT OF FACT

50 This bill establishes an alternate elderly low-cost drug
program for persons 65 years of age or older. Under this
alternate program only certain drugs are authorized.