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House of Representatives, February 9, 1995

An Act to Change the Eligibility Requirements for the Circuit Breaker Program.

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 7, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, HICHBORN of LaGrange, LEMKE of Westbrook, LOOK of Jonesboro, MARSHALL of Eliot, POULIOT of Lewiston, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, STEDMAN of Hartland, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, Senator: BEGLEY of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6201, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 534,
4 Pt. A, §3, is further amended to read:

6 **5. Homestead.** "Homestead" means the dwelling, owned or
rented by the claimant, and occupied as a home by the claimant
8 and, the claimant's dependents as--a--home and any other person,
and may consist of a part of a multidwelling or multipurpose
10 building and a part of the land, up to 10 acres, upon which it is
built. "Owned" includes a vendee in possession under a land
12 contract and of one or more joint tenants or tenants in common.

14 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6201, sub-§§6 and 7**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
516, §§3 and 6, are amended to read:

16 **6. Household.** "Household" means a claimant and, the
18 claimant's spouse and members of the household for whom the
claimant under this chapter is entitled to claim an exemption as
20 a dependent under Part 8 for the year for which relief is
requested and any other person who occupies the homestead as a
22 home.

24 **7. Household income.** "Household income" means all income
received by all persons of a household in a calendar year while
26 members of the household, including persons who are neither the
claimant's spouse nor the claimant's dependents under Part 8 for
28 the year for which relief is requested.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill amends the definitions of homestead, household and
household income within the Maine Residents Property Tax
Program. This change will permit the State Tax Assessor to
36 include income from individuals who are living in a homestead,
but who are not dependents of the claimant, when calculating
38 eligibility for this program.