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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 450, L.D. 616, Bill, "An Act to Increase Levels of Property Tax Relief Found in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. C, §6, is further amended to read:

A-1. Seventy Fifty percent of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds 7.0% 5.0% of income and 100% of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds 10% of income to a maximum payment of \$500 \$1,000.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. C, §7, is further amended to read:

2. Income eligibility. Claimants-with Households with one member and household incomes in excess of \$25,000 and households with 2 or more members with total household incomes in excess of \$35,000 are not eligible for a benefit.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1995-96

1996-97

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Elderly Householders' Tax Refund

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All Other

(\$330,409)

(\$274,330)

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Deappropriates funds no longer needed due to fewer claims under this program as a result of changes in eligibility criteria.

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Maine Residents Property Tax Program

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All Other

\$10,063,703

\$11,287,707

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Provides funds for additional benefits paid to claimants under this program as a result of changes in eligibility criteria.

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Bureau of Taxation

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Positions - Other Count

(1.5)

(1.5)

Personal Services

\$20,965

\$21,865

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All Other

14,120

7,570

Capital Expenditures

24,985

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TOTAL

\$60,070

\$29,435

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Provides funds for 2 seasonal Tax Examiner positions, one seasonal Data Entry Operator position, one seasonal contract position and associated administrative costs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
TOTAL**

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\$9,793,364

\$11,042,812

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Sec. 4. Application. This Act applies to claims filed on or after August 1, 1995.

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

4 FISCAL NOTE

6		1995-96	1996-97
8	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		

10	General Fund	\$9,793,364	\$11,042,815
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12 The Maine Residents Property Tax Program will require
14 additional General Fund appropriations of \$10,063,703 in fiscal
year 1995-96 and \$11,287,707 in fiscal year 1996-97 for increased
16 benefits claims under the program.

18 The Elderly Householders' Tax Refund program will realize
General Fund savings of \$330,409 in fiscal year 1995-96 and
20 \$274,330 in fiscal year 1996-97 due to fewer claims under this
program. These amounts are deappropriated.

22 The Bureau of Taxation will require additional General Fund
24 appropriations of \$60,070 and \$29,435 in fiscal years 1995-96 and
1996-97, respectively, for 3 seasonal positions, one seasonal
26 contract position and associated administrative costs to
administer the expansion of this program.'

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 This amendment is the majority report of the committee and
32 changes the benefit and eligibility criteria of the Maine
Residents Property Tax Program. These changes will increase the
34 amount of benefits and the number of recipients under the circuit
breaker program. The amendment also adds an appropriation
36 section and a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT