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H.P. 450

House of Representatives, February 23, 1995

An Act to Increase Levels of Property Tax Relief Found in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AHEARNE of Madawaska, BENEDIKT of Brunswick, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland, CHARTRAND of Rockland, DORE of Auburn, FITZPATRICK of Durham, JONES of Bar Harbor, LEMONT of Kittery, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, RICHARDSON of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, VOLENIK of Sedgwick, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox.

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

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

6 A-1. Seventy One hundred percent of that portion of the
benefit base that exceeds 7.0% of income to a maximum
8 payment of ~~\$500~~ \$1,500; and

10 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, ¶B** is enacted to read:

12 B. Fifty percent of that portion of the benefit base that
exceeds 3.5% of income but is less than 7% of income.

14 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410,
16 Pt. C, §7, is further amended to read:

18 2. **Income eligibility.** Claimants with household incomes in
20 excess of ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000 are not eligible for a benefit.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill amends the benefit and eligibility criteria of the
Maine Residents Property Tax Program. These changes will
26 increase the amount of benefits and the number of recipients
under the circuit breaker program.