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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1997**

Legislative Document

No. 1959

S.P. 712

In Senate, December 31, 1997

An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 31, 1997. Referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
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	Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6162-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c.
4	368, Pt. CCC, §6 and affected by §11, is repealed and the
	following enacted in its place:
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	2. Income. An individual is eligible for this program if
8	that person's family income is below 150% of the nonfarm income
	poverty level.

SUMMARY

Under current law, eligibility for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program is determined by the same income levels used to determine eligibility for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program, except that an individual whose household income is not more than 25% higher than specified in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program is also eligible if the household spends 40% of its income on unreimbursed medical expenses for prescription drugs.

This bill changes income eligibility for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program to specify that an individual is eligible if that person's family income is below 150% of the poverty level.