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House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

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

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, CLARK of Millinocket, QUINT of Portland,
SANBORN of Alton, TOWNSEND of Portland, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: BERUBE of
Androscoggin, PARADIS of Aroostook.

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 1997, c.
4 643, Pt. RR, §6, is further amended to read:

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2. Income. Eligibility for this program is determined by
the same income levels as eligibility for elderly households is
8 determined under chapter 907, except that individuals are also
eligible for this program if the household spends at least 40% of
10 its income on ~~unreimbursed--direct--medical--expenses--for~~
~~prescription-drugs~~ health care and the household income is not
12 more than 25% higher than the levels specified in chapter 907.
For the purposes of this subsection, the ~~costs~~ cost of ~~drugs~~
14 health care provided to a household under this chapter is
considered a cost spent by the household for eligibility
16 determination purposes.

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SUMMARY

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This bill expands eligibility for the elderly low cost drug
22 program to include individuals when at least 40% of the household
income is spent on health care and the household income is not
24 more than 25% above current levels.