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No. 115

S.P. 44

In Senate, January 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston and
Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska,
BOUFFARD of Lewiston, GERRY of Auburn, MAILHOT of Lewiston.

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. 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 determined under chapter 907, except that individuals the same income limitations apply to elderly households with 2 or more members as apply to single-member elderly households. Individuals are also eligible for this program if the household spends at least 40% of its income on unreimbursed direct medical expenses for prescription drugs and the household income is not more than 25% higher than the levels specified in chapter 907 for single-member elderly households. For the purposes of this subsection, the ~~costs~~ cost of drugs provided to a household under this chapter is considered a cost spent by the household for eligibility determination purposes.

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SUMMARY

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This bill lowers the income eligibility level for the elderly low cost drug program for households with more than one member. It requires that the income limits for a single-member household apply to any applicant, regardless of the number of members in the household.

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