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No. 1061

S.P. 357

In Senate, February 9, 1999

An Act to Improve Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly.

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 BENOIT of Franklin.

Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland,
BENNETT of Oxford, CASSIDY of Washington, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, LONGLEY
of Waldo, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representative: THOMPSON of Naples.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6206, sub-§4 is enacted to read:**

6 **4. Income limitations requiring copayments in the elderly**
8 **low-cost drug program. A claimant representing an elderly**
10 **household qualifies for the elderly low-cost drug program under**
12 **chapter 905 if the household income exceeds the requirements of**
14 **subsection 1 or 2 as provided in this subsection.**

16 **A. If the household income exceeds the requirements of**
18 **subsection 1 or 2 by up to 30%, the household is eligible for**
20 **participation and must pay a copayment of 30% of the**
22 **cost of the medication.**

24 **B. If the household exceeds the requirements of subsection**
26 **1 or 2 by between 31% and 40%, the household is eligible for**
participation and must pay a copayment of 40% of the cost of
the medication.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill extends income eligibility for the elderly
26 low-cost drug program by allowing persons whose income exceeds
the limits by up to 30% and 40% to pay copayments of 30% and 40%,
respectively.