

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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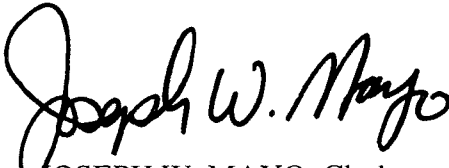
House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

**An Act to Amend the Procedures under the So-called Circuit Breaker  
Program.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot. (By Request)

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           Whereas, fair administration of the Maine Residents Property  
Tax Program requires that additional information be submitted  
with each claim; and

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10           Whereas, claims may be filed beginning August 1, 1999; and

12           Whereas, a change in law to require the filing of additional  
information must be made to coincide with the filing period; and

14           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
16           Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
18           safety; now, therefore,

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

22           **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6210, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 516,  
§§3 and 6, is amended to read:

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26           The ~~State--Tax--Assessor~~ assessor shall make available  
suitable forms with instructions for claimants. The claim shall  
28           must be in the form the ~~State-Tax-Assessor~~ assessor may prescribe  
and shall must be signed by the claimant. The assessor shall  
30           prescribe methods for a claimant to provide proof of payment of  
property taxes accrued or rent constituting property taxes  
32           accrued that are to be included in the calculation of the benefit  
base pertaining to the claim.

34           **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6214,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 516, §§3 and  
6, is amended to read:

36           **§6214. Disallowance of certain claims**

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40           A claim shall must be disallowed, if the ~~State-Tax-Assessor~~  
assessor finds that the claimant received title to his the  
42           homestead primarily for the purpose of receiving benefits under  
this chapter or if the claimant fails to provide proof of payment  
as described in section 6210.

44           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
46           preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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## SUMMARY

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4       This bill requires any claimant under the Maine Residents  
6       Property Tax Program to submit proof of payment of the property  
8       taxes or rent upon which a claim for benefits is made before the  
      claim may be allowed. The State Tax Assessor is to prescribe  
      methods for providing this proof of payment.

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