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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1795, L.D. 2518, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Elderly Low-cost Drug Program"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 38 to 47 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §254, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Retention of eligibility. A person who was eligible for the program at any time from August 1, 1998 to July 31, 1999 and who does not meet the requirements of subsection 10 retains eligibility for the program until February 28, 2001 if that person is a member of a household of an eligible person.

**Sec. 3. Legislation.** The Joint Standing Committee on Taxation may report out to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature a bill that addresses eligibility for the elderly low-cost drug program beyond February 28, 2001 for persons covered by this Act.

**Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1999-00**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Revenue Services**

All Other

\$7,000

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

2 Provides funds to contract for a special  
4 mailing and for temporary staff to process  
applications.'

6 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

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10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 **1999-00**

14 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

16 General Fund **\$7,000**

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20 This bill will continue eligibility for the elderly low-cost  
22 drug program for certain individuals for an additional year.  
24 Amounts budgeted for the expansion of the eligibility for this  
program by Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part KKK are sufficient  
26 to fund this continuation. The estimates of the fiscal impact of  
Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part KKK did not include any  
28 assumptions for individuals becoming ineligible. Neither the  
number of individuals affected by this bill nor the amount of  
unanticipated savings to be foregone can be determined at this  
time.

30 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services,  
32 Bureau of Revenue Services will incur additional costs estimated  
to be \$7,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to contract for a special  
34 mailing of a notice and temporary contracted staff to process  
these applications. The bureau has requested additional General  
Fund appropriations to fund these additional costs.'

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38 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment extends eligibility for the elderly low-cost  
42 drug program for one year for household members that lost  
eligibility as a result of Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part  
44 KKK and authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation to  
report out a bill to address eligibility beyond one year. The  
amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.