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H.P. 1824

House of Representatives, February 9, 2000

**An Act to Increase Public Participation in the Maine Residents Property
Tax Program.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule
205.

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 ETNIER of Harpswell.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6219**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 534, Pt. A,
§10 and amended by PL 1997, c. 526, §14, is further amended by
adding at the end 2 new paragraphs to read:

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8 The Bureau of Revenue Services shall expend up to 1/2% of
9 the annual funds appropriated for the Maine Residents Property
10 Tax Program for statewide promotion of the program. Promotion of
11 the program must include, but is not limited to, advertisement in
12 newspapers, on television and on radio.

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14 The Bureau of Revenue Services shall on an annual basis
15 compile records of all costs for the promotion of the program and
16 evaluate the effectiveness of the promotion for the increased
17 utilization of the Maine Residents Property Tax Program.

18 **SUMMARY**

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22 This bill requires the Department of Professional and
23 Financial Regulation, Bureau of Revenue Services to promote the
24 Maine Residents Property Tax Program through advertisement in
25 newspapers, on television and on radio. The bill also authorizes
26 the bureau to expend 1/2% of funds appropriated for the program
27 for the promotion of the program. The bureau shall maintain
28 records to see if the use of the program has increased due to the
promotions.