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House of Representatives, January 16, 2001

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An Act to Protect Senior Homeowners.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator LEMONT of York and

Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, JODREY of Bethel, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MARLEY of Portland, MICHAEL of Auburn,

SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

Be i	t	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows	•
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Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §949 is enacted to read:

§949. Limitation on foreclosure of certain residences

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subchapter, a
municipality, or the State Tax Assessor with regard to property
in the unorganized territory, may not foreclose on a tax lien
mortgage when the owner of the property is at least 70 years old
and the property is the owner's permanent residence as defined in
section 681 unless the delinquent taxes exceed 50% of the
assessed value of the property.

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16 SUMMARY

This bill prohibits property tax lien foreclosure on property that is the permanent residence of a person who is at least 70 years old unless the delinquent taxes exceed 50% of the assessed value of the property.