

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

Legislative Document

No. 608

S.P. 180

In Senate, February 8, 2001

An Act to Provide Heating Fuel Assistance to the Elderly.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 O'GARA of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative SAVAGE of Buxton and
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec,
President MICHAUD of Penobscot, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec,
Representatives: KANE of Saco, SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
4 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

6 **2001-02**

8 **MAINE STATE HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

10 **Low-income Home Energy
12 Assistance Program**

14 All Other \$5,000,000

16 Provides for a one-time appropriation of
18 \$2,500,000 to expand the pool of funds
18 available to expand benefits for elderly
20 residents currently eligible for the
20 Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program.
22 It also provides for a one-time
22 appropriation of \$2,500,000 to expand
24 benefits to elderly residents whose income
24 is between 171% and 210% of the federal
26 low-income guidelines for the State.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 to expand the pool of
32 funds available to assist elderly residents in paying their home
32 heating bills. It requires that 1/2 of the appropriated funds be
34 disbursed to elderly residents currently eligible for the
34 Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program and that 1/2 of the
36 appropriated funds be disbursed to elderly residents whose income
36 is between 171% and 210% of the federal low-income guidelines for
Maine.