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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

## An Act to Expand the Maine Residents Property Tax Program, the so-called "Circuit Breaker Program"

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. Mac Jarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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4	Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, $\P$ A-1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further amended to
4	read:
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	A-1. Fifty percent of that portion of the benefit base that
8	exceeds 4% but does not exceed 8% of income plus 100% of
10	that portion of the benefit base that exceeds 8% of income to a maximum payment of <b>\$1,</b> 000 <u>\$3,000</u> .
10	$co a maximum payment of p \pm 7000.$
12	Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 557,
	Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:
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16	<b>2. Income eligibility.</b> Single-member households with household incomes in excess of \$25,700 <u>\$51,400</u> and households
10	with 2 or more members with a household income in excess of
18	\$40,000 <u>\$80,000</u> are not eligible for a benefit.
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	This bill doubles the income limitation for benefits under
24	the so-called "circuit breaker program" to \$51,400 for
	single-member households and \$80,000 for households with 2 or
26	more members. This bill also raises the maximum allowable rebate from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

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