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S.P. 197

In Senate, February 11, 2003

An Act To Expand Eligibility for the "Circuit Breaker" Program

Reference to the Committee on Taxation 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 BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland and
Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, President DAGGETT of Kennebec, DOUGLASS of
Androscoggin, EDMONDS of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, STRIMLING of
Cumberland, TURNER of Cumberland, Representative: NORBERT of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, ¶A-1,** as amended by PL 1997, c.
6 557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further amended to
8 read:

10 A-1. Fifty percent of that portion of the benefit base that
12 exceeds 4% but does not exceed 8% of income plus 100% of
14 that portion of the benefit base that exceeds 8% of income
16 to a maximum payment of ~~\$1,000~~ \$3,000.

18 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 557,
20 Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:

22 **2. Income eligibility.** Single-member households with
24 household incomes in excess of ~~\$25,700~~ \$48,189 and households
26 with 2 or more members with a household income in excess of
~~\$40,000~~ \$75,000 are not eligible for a benefit.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the income limitation for benefits under
the so-called "circuit breaker program" to \$48,189 for
single-member households and \$75,000 for households with 2 or
more members. This bill also raises the maximum allowable rebate
from \$1,000 to \$3,000.