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H.P. 558

House of Representatives, February 18, 2003

### **An Act To Facilitate the Application Process for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SUKEFORTH of Union.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6204**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 396, §42, is further amended to read:

6 **§6204. Filing date**

8 A claim may not be paid unless the claim is filed with the Bureau of Revenue Services on or after August 1st and on or before the following ~~December 31st~~ April 15th.

12 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6219**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 534, Pt. A, §10 and amended by PL 1997, c. 526, §14, is further amended to read:

16 **§6219. Outreach plan required**

18 The Bureau of Revenue Services shall develop and implement a plan of outreach to ensure that all eligible households are made aware of assistance available under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program and its successor, if any. The plan must include advertising and promotion through the media and inserts in income tax forms and information sent to taxpayers.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill lengthens the period for filing for the Maine Residents Property Tax Program. Claimants may file between August 1st and April 15th of the following year.

32 The bill also requires the Bureau of Revenue Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to advertise and promote the program.