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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT **A** to H.P. 1426, L.D. 2025, Bill, "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages Concerning the Circuit Breaker Program"

12 Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

13 'Sec. 1. **36 MRSA §6201, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. E, §1 and
14 affected by §§7 and 8, is further amended to read:

15 **1. Benefit base.** "Benefit base" means property taxes accrued or rent constituting
16 property taxes accrued. In the case of a claimant paying both rent and property taxes for
17 a homestead, benefit base means both property taxes accrued and rent constituting
18 property taxes accrued. The benefit base may not exceed ~~\$3,000 for single member~~
19 ~~households and \$4,000 for households with 2 or more members~~ \$5,000.

20 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

21 'Sec. 3. **Application.** This Act applies to application benefit periods beginning on
22 or after August 1, 2006.

23 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
24 allocations are made.

25 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

26 **Maine Revenue Services 0002**

27 Initiative: Provide funds for the administrative costs associated with the changes in the
28 circuit breaker program, including funds for one Tax Examiner position.

29		2005-06	2006-07
30	GENERAL FUND		
31	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
32	Personal Services	\$0	\$52,529
33	All Other	\$0	\$43,859
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT **A** to H.P. 1426, L.D. 2025

1 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$96,388

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3 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
4 section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

6 This amendment makes a definition change that is necessary for implementation of
7 the proposed increase in the maximum refund amount under the circuit breaker program
8 to \$5,000 and adds an application date. It also adds an appropriations and allocations
9 section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 2025

LR 3117(02)

An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages Concerning the Circuit Breaker Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$19,637,520	\$22,148,499	\$24,601,805
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$96,388	\$98,163	\$101,822
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$19,541,132)	(\$22,050,336)	(\$24,499,984)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$1,050,156)	(\$1,209,512)	(\$1,343,881)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The expansion of the circuit breaker program will reduce General Fund revenue by an estimated \$19,541,132 in fiscal year 2006-07. This bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$96,388 in fiscal year 2006-07 for Maine Revenue Services' administrative costs associated with this change.