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House of Representatives, March 19, 2007

**An Act To Provide Tax Relief to Middle-income Residents through
the Maine Residents Property Tax Program**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FARRINGTON of Gorham, PINGREE of North Haven,
PIOTTI of Unity, RAND of Portland, WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senators: ROSEN of
Hancock, TURNER of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, ¶A-1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. E, §4
3 and as affected by §§7 and 8, is further amended to read:

4 A-1. Fifty percent of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds 4% but does not
5 exceed 8% of income plus 100% of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds 8%
6 of income to a maximum payment of ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000.

7 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to claims for benefits under the Maine
8 Residents Property Tax Program filed for application periods that begin on or after
9 August 1, 2007.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill amends the Maine Residents Property Tax Program, also referred to as “the
12 Circuitbreaker Program,” by increasing the maximum benefit to \$4,000 from \$2,000.