

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature  
1ST SPECIAL SESSION  
JANUARY 2, 1974 TO MARCH 29, 1974  
AND BY THE  
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
REGULAR SESSION  
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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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January 2, 1974

to

March 29, 1974

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## CHAPTER 771

## AN ACT Amending the Elderly Householders Tax and Rent Refund Act to Improve Benefits.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 36, § 6109, repealed.** Section 6109 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 503 of the public laws of 1971 and as amended by section 4 of chapter 634 of the public laws of 1973, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 36, §§ 6110-6112, repealed and replaced.** Sections 6110 and 6111, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 503 of the public laws of 1971 and as repealed and replaced by sections 5 and 6 of chapter 634 of the public laws of 1973, section 6111-A as enacted by section 132-A of chapter 622 of the public laws of 1971, and section 6112 as enacted by section 1 of chapter 503 of the public laws of 1971 and as repealed and replaced by section 7 of chapter 634 of the public laws of 1973, of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**§ 6110. Benefit limitation**

No claim of less than \$5 or more than \$400 shall be granted.

**§ 6111. Age limitation**

No claim shall be granted which is otherwise allowable under this Part, unless at least one member of the household shall have attained the age of 62 during the year for which relief is requested.

**§ 6111-A. Participation limitation**

No claim shall be granted which is otherwise allowable under this Part to any claimant who receives, or to any claimant a member of whose household receives, benefits paid under supplemental security income pursuant to Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, or under state supplemental income pursuant to Title 22, Part 2, subtitle 3, or any program which succeeds or supplants it.

**§ 6112. Amount of claim**

The claim shall be limited to the amount by which property taxes accrued, or rent constituting property taxes accrued in such tax year on the claimant's homestead, is in excess of 21% of such household income which exceeds \$3,000 but does not exceed \$5,000.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Taxation the sum of \$500,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1974-75

## BUREAU OF TAXATION

Tax Relief for the Elderly  
All Other

\$500,000

Effective June 28, 1974

## CHAPTER 772

**AN ACT to Clarify the Power of the Commissioner of Maine Department of Transportation and the Chief of the Maine State Police to Lower Speed Limits in Order to Provide Energy Conservation.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, shortages of petroleum products have necessitated the lowering of speed limits throughout the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the authority of the Commissioner of Transportation and the Chief of the State Police to order reductions in speed limits should be clarified; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 1251, amended.** The first sentence of section 1251 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Except as provided in section 1255 and notwithstanding section 1252, subsection 2, the Commissioner of Transportation, with the consent and approval of the Governor and Executive Council and the Chief of the Maine State Police, shall have authority to restrict the speed of all motor vehicles at any and all points on the highway where in the opinion of the commissioner, with the consent and approval of the Governor and Executive Council and the Chief of the Maine State Police, a rate of speed less than that now authorized by law will minimize the danger of accident, promote the free flow of traffic, or otherwise serve the public interest, and in each such place shall fix the rate of speed in accordance with his own judgment.

**Sec. 2. Application.** In the event "AN ACT to Conserve Energy on the Nation's Highways," H. R. 11372 as enacted by the United States Congress, shall cease to be in effect on and after the date on which the President declares that there is not a fuel shortage requiring the application of this Act, or on and after June 30, 1975, whichever date first occurs, this Act shall be null and void.