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**History and Final Disposition**

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Original Title: An Act To Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures. New Title: An Act To Protect Homeowners Affected by Tax Lien Foreclosure. Presented by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. Public Hearing 01/25/18. OTP-AM Accepted 09/13/18. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-771, SD/CA S-551. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 09/25/18, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 478.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1629 \(128th Legis. 2017\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1629 \(1st Regular Session\)](#)

[LD 1629 \(Carried over\) / PL 2017, c. 478](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf128-LD-1629.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-771\) \(LD 1629 2018\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-806\) \(LD 1629 2018\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-542\) \(LD 1629 2018\)](#)

[Amendment SB/CA \(S-545\) \(LD 1629 2018\)](#)

[Amendment SC/CA \(S-550\) \(LD 1629 2018\)](#)

[Amendment SD/CA \(S-551\) \(LD 1629 2018\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, June 5, 2017 \(H720-748\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 21, 2018 \(H1761-1770\)](#)

- p. H-1769 (Amendment(s) H-771)

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- p. S-2115 (Amendment(s) H-771)

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[SENATE, September 13, 2018 \(S2206-2237\)](#)

- p. S-2236 (Amendment(s) H-771, S-551)

## Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2017, c. 478](#)

## News Articles

Opposition to bill to help elderly manage taxes, stay home runs afoul of LePage (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 9/6/2017, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 170906A.pdf)

Bill inspired by elderly Albion couple gets committee hearing (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 1/27/2018, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180127D.pdf)

LD 1629 could be bad legislation for town (Benjamin Barr Jr.) (Lincoln News/Katahdin Region News, 2/1/2018, p. 20) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/Clip1806.PDF)

LePage urges taxation committee to back bill to protect elderly from property foreclosure (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 2/7/2018, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180207A.pdf)

We must help keep the elderly in their own homes (Paul R. LePage) (Piscataquis Observer, 2/14/2018, p. 4 10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/Piscataquis Observer 180214E.pdf)

Committee tables LePage bill to prevent tax lien foreclosure on elderly (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 2/21/2018, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180221A.pdf)

LePage's bill to protect elderly facing tax lien foreclosure stripped 2/28/2018 (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 2/28/2018, p. B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180228E.pdf)

LD 1629 remains concern for manager, councilors (Benjamin Barr Jr.) (Lincoln News, 3/15/2018, p. 19) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/Clip18101.PDF)

LePage slams municipal group as 'enemy of elderly' over foreclosure bill changes (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 3/23/2018, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180323B.pdf)

LePage thwarts affordable housing for seniors, claims to be looking out for them (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 3/29/2018, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/BDN 180329E.pdf)

LePage bill aiming to protect elderly from foreclosure up for votes (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 4/17/2018, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180417A.pdf)

LePage bill intended to protect elderly from tax lien foreclosure in limbo (Amy Calder) (Kennebec Journal, 5/23/2018, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180523A.pdf)

Legislature avoids taking steps to address property tax relief (Donna Bailey) (Journal Tribune, 6/27/2018, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/Journal Tribune 180627A.pdf)

Doing the right thing for seniors (Paul R. LePage) (Bridgton News, 7/12/2018, p. D1, D7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/Clip18303.PDF)

Issues of aging go far beyond home foreclosure (Editorial) (Kennebec Journal, 7/13/2018, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/KJ 180713A.pdf)

LePage veto of extra election funding stands as Legislature finally adjourns for 2018 (Kevin Miller and Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 9/14/2018, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/PPH 180914B.pdf)

LePage could have fought to rein in property taxes He signed a 'horrible' bill instead (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 10/1/2018, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/BDN 181001B.pdf)

New law aims to protect elderly from tax lien foreclosure (Anne Berleant) (Castine Patriot, 10/4/2018, p. 5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/Clip18604.PDF)

LD 1629 to become law (Benjamin Barr, Jr) (Lincoln News/Katahdin Region News, 10/4/2018, p. 17, 18) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1629/Clip18503.PDF)

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