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In Senate, March 28, 2023

**An Act to Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associated with the  
Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6281, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 751, §1, is amended to  
3 read:

4 **5. State compensation.** A municipality that has stabilized property tax for an eligible  
5 individual under this chapter may recover from the State 100% of the amount by which the  
6 property tax assessed on the homestead of an eligible individual in the usual manner  
7 exceeds the stabilized amount of property tax billed under subsection 3 and 100% of the  
8 municipality's cost of administering this section. A municipality claiming compensation  
9 under this subsection shall submit a claim to the bureau by November 1st of the year in  
10 which the property tax was stabilized. The bureau shall review claims and determine the  
11 total amount to be paid to each municipality. The bureau shall certify and the Treasurer of  
12 State shall pay the amount due to each municipality by January 15th of the year following  
13 the year in which the claim for compensation was submitted.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the State to compensate municipalities for 100% of the cost of  
16 administering the senior property tax stabilization program.