

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

—
H.P. 1179 - L.D. 1607

An Act To Reinstate Statutory Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs

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

Whereas, Public Law 2013, chapter 368 discontinued the Circuitbreaker Program and the legislative authorization of municipal property tax assistance programs, effective August 1, 2013; and

Whereas, although municipal property tax assistance programs may be linked to the Circuitbreaker Program, it was not the intent of the Legislature to discontinue the authorization of municipalities to offer property tax assistance programs; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible to restore the ability of municipalities to offer property tax assistance programs; 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Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6231, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 395, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 395, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §6233, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 1, §56, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 6233 applies retroactively to June 26, 2013.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.