

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE

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S.P. 579 - L.D. 1680

**An Act To Amend the Circuitbreaker Program To Include Claimants
Occupying Property Pursuant to a Trust and To Require Proof of Payment
of Rent**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6201, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. CCC, §7 and affected by §11, is further amended to read:

5. Homestead. "Homestead" means the dwelling owned or rented by the claimant or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the claimant and occupied by the claimant and the claimant's dependents as a home, and may consist of a part of a multidwelling or multipurpose building and a part of the land, up to 10 acres, upon which it is built. "Owned" includes a vendee in possession under a land contract and of one or more joint tenants or tenants in common and includes possession under a legally binding agreement that allows the owner of the dwelling to transfer the property but continue to occupy the dwelling as a home until some future event stated in the agreement.

Sec. 2. Adoption of rules. The State Tax Assessor shall adopt routine technical rules, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to require, for applications filed on or after August 1, 2012, proof of rent paid when a claimant makes a claim under the Circuitbreaker Program based on rent paid in the amount of \$9,000 or more for the year and to establish a process and provide instructions for providing proof.

Sec. 3. Application. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 6201, subsection 5 applies to applications for the Circuitbreaker Program filed on or after August 1, 2012.

In House of Representatives, 2012

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2012

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2012

..... Governor