Property Tax Stabilization Program - Repeal

What Do We Tell Taxpayers?

*The Property Tax Stabilization Program has been repealed by the Legislature in response to concerns regarding inequity and reimbursement costs.

*Any taxpayer whose application was submitted prior to December 1, 2022, and approved, will still receive the "freeze" on their 2023 property tax bill.

*Since the program has ended, there will be no re-application process.

*Taxpayers may qualify for the expanded <u>Property Tax Fairness Credit</u> and the <u>Senior Property Tax Deferral</u> programs. Information and applications for both programs can be found on the Maine Revenue Services website.

How Can We Spread the News?

*Consider a mailer to all approved stabilization applicants, informing them that the "freeze" will apply to their 2023 tax bill only. Include information about the expanded programs for which they may be eligible and stress that those programs are implemented by the State.

*Ask your tax billing service about an insert for your upcoming tax bill mailing. Include information specific to the ending of the stabilization bill OR include information about all exemption programs offered at the State (see above) and local level (homestead, veteran, blind, renewable energy).

*Include the basic points above in your town newsletter or social media pages.

Who Can Help Municipal Officials & Taxpayers Understand These Changes?

*Any member of the MMA Advocacy or Legal Team,

*Your municipal assessor or attorney,

*Your Legislative representatives,

*Maine Revenue Service

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