

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Michael of Auburn.

Cosponsor: Mr. Churchill.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to Municipal and State Purchase of Products of Maine Farms
and Fisheries.**

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

7 MRSA c. 8 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 8

PURCHASE OF FOODSTUFFS FROM MAINE CONCERNS

§ 201. Purchase through bidding of products of Maine farms and fisheries

In order to enhance the overall economy of the State, purchasing agents for all state agencies, institutions, departments and universities who engage in the official purchasing of foods, are required to purchase at least 20% of their foodstuffs from Maine farms and fisheries, provided that the bid for that food does not exceed the lowest bid for imported products by more than 10%, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. Local school districts are exempt from this requirement but are authorized to make those purchases.

§ 202. Report by purchasing agents of purchases of products of Maine farms and fisheries

The chief purchasing agent of every state agency, institution, department and university which engages in the purchase of foods shall each provide a written account of the percentage of their food purchases that are produced by Maine farms and fisheries. These written reports shall be filed annually no later than the first day of September with the Commissioner of Finance and Administration.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that state agencies, institutions, departments and universities may accept a bid not exceeding 10% over the lowest bid for products of Maine farms and fisheries. The purchasing agents shall submit an annual report to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration of the percentage of their food purchases which are the products of these Maine farms and fisheries.