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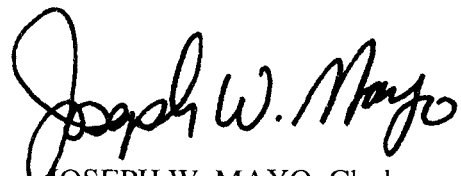
No. 449

H.P. 333

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act Requiring Disclosures to be Made to Purchasers of Land
Abutting Agricultural Land.**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, CHICK of Lebanon,
LABRECQUE of Gorham, PIEH of Bremen, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: NUTTING
of Androscoggin.

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

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Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §55, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 478, §1, is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

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In addition, prior to the sale, purchase or exchange of abutting land, the prospective seller or agent shall deliver to the prospective purchaser a notice that states the following:

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"It is the policy of this State and this community to conserve, protect and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This notice is to inform prospective residents that the property they are about to acquire abuts registered farmland and that farming activities occur upon that land. Those farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors."

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SUMMARY

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Following language enacted in the State of New York, this bill requires that prospective purchasers of land abutting registered farmland receive notice of the characteristics of farming activities in that area.

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