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In Senate, March 18, 2004

An Act To Appropriate Funds to the Maine Potato Board for the Purchase of Potatoes in Need of Disposal Due to Weather Conditions during the Harvest in 2003

> (AFTER DEADLINE) (EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Representative WOTTON of Littleton and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, KNEELAND of Aroostook, STANLEY of Penobscot, Representatives: BENNETT of Caribou, CARR of Lincoln, CHURCHILL of Washburn, CLARK of Millinocket, Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, DUNLAP of Old Town, FISCHER of Presque Isle, JACKSON of Fort Kent, JOY of Crystal, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PARADIS of Frenchville, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SMITH of Van Buren, TARDY of Newport, THOMAS of Orono, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

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Whereas, it is important that potatoes that are rotting due to poor weather during the harvest in 2003 be disposed of as soon as possible; 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,

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

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Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

20 MAINE POTATO BOARD

22 Potato Board 0429

24 Initiative: Appropriates funds to purchase from farmers table stock potatoes that are rotting due to poor weather during the 26 harvest in 2003 and are in need of disposal at the rate of \$1.50 per hundredweight.

•••	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
30	All Other	\$750,000	\$ 0
32	General Fund Total	\$750,000	\$0

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

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SUMMARY

40 This bill appropriates \$750,000 to the Maine Potato Board to purchase from farmers table stock potatoes that are rotting due
42 to poor weather during the harvest in 2003 and are in need of disposal at the rate of \$1.50 per hundredweight.

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