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S.P. 162

In Senate, January 31, 2019

An Act Regarding the Providing of Human Food Waste to Swine Producers

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and
Senators: BLACK of Franklin, DIAMOND of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot,
Representatives: HALL of Wilton, KINNEY of Knox, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of
Warren, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1814-A, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3 **3-A. Application.** An individual, organization or institution, including a public
4 school, that donates garbage to a swine producer for use in swine feed is not required to
5 verify that the swine producer has a license under subsection 1. The commissioner shall
6 ensure any guidance about this section issued to individuals, organizations or institutions
7 clearly states that the donating individual, organization or institution is not required to
8 verify that the swine producer has a license under subsection 1 and that the individual,
9 organization or institution cannot be held responsible for the enforcement of this section
10 or for any assessment of penalties under this section.

11 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1814-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 572, §46, is
12 amended to read:

13 **4. Enforcement.** The commissioner may enter at reasonable times any private or
14 public property owned or operated by a swine producer to investigate conditions relating
15 to the treating or feeding of garbage.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill specifies that an individual, organization or institution, including a public
18 school, that donates food waste to a swine producer for use in swine feed is not required
19 to verify that the swine producer has a license to feed garbage to swine. The bill also
20 specifies that it is private or public property owned or operated by a swine producer that
21 the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may enter to investigate
22 conditions relating to the treating or feeding of garbage to swine.