

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 634

House of Representatives, February 16, 1971

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cyr of Madawaska.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Amending the Maine Potato Marketing Act.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 993, sub-§ 7, amended.** Subsection 7 of section 993 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

7. **Handler.** "Handler" is synonymous with shipper and means any person, except a common or contract carrier of potatoes owned by another person, who ships potatoes in fresh form or packs or prepares potatoes for market or sells to or buys for processors for human consumption.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 994, amended.** The first sentence of the 4th paragraph of section 994 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

In order to effectuate the declared policy of sections 991 to 1006, the commissioner shall have the power, after due notice and opportunity for hearing, to enter into marketing agreements with handlers, producers and others engaged in the handling of potatoes, regulating the preparation, sale and handling of potatoes, and to set minimum prices, which said marketing agreement shall be binding upon the signatures thereto exclusively.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 995, sub-§ 11, §§ G and H, additional.** Subsection 11 of section 995 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding two new paragraphs, G and H, to read as follows:

**G. To set weekly minimum prices by grades, standards, sizes and types of packages;**

**H. To set minimum prices by grades, standards and sizes per hundred-weight basis on seasonal contracts according to accepted practices.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to enlarge the powers of the Commissioner of Agriculture.