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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Broadening the Scope of the Uniform Agricultural Cooperative Association Act.

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

Whereas, independent agricultural contractors of the State of Maine are unable to secure reasonable terms and conditions for their contracts for growing or raising agricultural products; and are not covered by existing laws protecting agricultural producers or employees and therefore require the benefits of organization furnished by the Uniform Agricultural Cooperative Association Act; 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,

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

R. S., T. 13, § 1774, sub-§§ 6-A, 6-B and 8-A, additional. Section 1774 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new subsections 6-A, 6-B and 8-A, to read as follows:

6-A. Independent agricultural contractor. "Independent agricultural contractor" means a person who grows under contract as his primary activity or as part of a general agricultural activity.

6-B. Marketing contract. "Marketing contract" includes a contract related to the marketing of agricultural products and a contract by an inde-

pendent agricultural contractor for furnishing services and facilities in raising or growing agricultural products.

8-A. Producers. "Producers" includes independent agricultural contractors.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this Act is reflected in the title and emergency preamble.