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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Correct Error in Definition of Farmland Under Farm and Open
Space Land Law.

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

Whereas, the 105th Legislature in regular session by chapter 548 of the public laws of 1971 enacted the Farm and Open Space Land Law; and

Whereas, an error in the definition of farmland under the law has been found; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the error be immediately corrected so that injustices and hardships to the people of Maine may be avoided; 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. 36, § 586, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 586 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 548 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

1. **Farmland.** "Farmland" means any tract or tracts of land including woodland and wasteland constituting a farm unit of at least 10 contiguous acres ~~or~~ or which farming activities produce a gross income of at least \$1,000

per year for 3 of the 5 calendar years preceding the date of application for classification.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.