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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Taxation of Farmland.

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

R. S., T. 36, § 591, amended. The last sentence of section 591 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 548 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

In the case of open space land the maximum recapture penalty shall be for a period not to exceed 15 years and in the case of farmland for a maximum period not to exceed #0 5 years.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This statute makes it possible for the owner to continue to farm his land and at the same time maintain open space in the public interest. The 10-year pay back period discourages participation and defeats the purpose of the Act.