

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1207

House of Representatives, March 22, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cooney of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to Investigate
Certain Farming Practices.**

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

R. S., T. 7, § 17, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 17, to read as follows:

§ 17. Investigation authorized

In addition to discoveries and investigations expressly authorized, the commissioner may conduct such investigations of any farm operation, method or practice as he may deem proper upon reasonable cause, to determine whether any person has violated any provision of this Title or to secure information useful in formulating recommendations to such person which will lead to improvement and the best possible use and development of the natural resources of the State. The cost of such investigations shall be borne by the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act is intended to provide the Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to investigate bad farming practices brought to his attention and following investigation to make recommendations to the party involved on how they should be corrected.