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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

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 duties expressly authorized in this Title, the commissioner may, upon complaint or for other reasonable cause, investigate any farm operation, method or practice with respect to animal waste, to determine whether such operation, method or practice may have an adverse effect upon the natural resources of the State. When, in the opinion of the commissioner, such adverse effects are evident, he shall bring such fact to the attention of the appropriate individuals and agencies empowered to restrain such practices and equipped to provide assistance which may bring about necessary improvements in the operation, method or practice cited. 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 questionable farming practices brought to his attention and following investigation to make recommendations to the party involved on how they should be corrected.