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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 550, L.D. 678,
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Valuation of
Farmland."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything
after the enacting clause and before the Fiscal
Note and inserting in place thereof the following:

'36 MRSA §586, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1971,
c. 548, is amended to read:

1. Farmland. "Farmland" means any tract or
tracts of land including woodland and wasteland
constituting a farm unit of at least 10 contiguous
acres on which farming activities produce a gross
income of at least ~~\$17,000~~ \$2,000 per year for 3
of the 5 calendar years preceding the date of
application for classification. Gross income as
used in this section includes the value of commod-
ities produced for consumption by the farm household.
Any applicant for such a tax exemption bears the
burden of proof as to his or her qualification.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to make it
possible for persons growing a significant part of
their own consumption needs to qualify their land
as farmland for tax purposes.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Taxation.

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