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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 333

In Senate, March 19, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Provide for the Approval by the Commissioner of Agriculture  
of all Exhibition Dates of Agricultural Fairs.**

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

Whereas, this Legislature will require the Commissioner of Agriculture to approve certain agricultural fair dates; and

Whereas, this approval is needed immediately so that planning for these fairs may proceed; 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:

7 MRSA § 65-A is enacted to read:

**§ 65-A. Agricultural fair dates**

No agricultural fair shall be held by any agricultural society, person or association unless the Commissioner of Agriculture has approved the exhibition dates of that agricultural fair. The commissioner, in approving or disapproving exhibition dates under this section, shall not permit 2 or more agricultural fairs to be held simultaneously within a 50-mile radius of each other.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

At present, some agricultural fairs operate during the same dates within a 50-mile radius of each other. This bill will prevent that conflict of dates by requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture to approve the exhibition dates of any fair before it is held and to ensure that such a conflict does not take place.