

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 437

S. P. 161

In Senate, February 16, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Analysis of Commodities.

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

Whereas, the Commissioner of Agriculture is required to have analyzed agricultural commodities of various types; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest that such analyses be made as economically and expeditiously as possible; and

Whereas, the present restrictive language of the statutes does not grant the commissioner the necessary flexibility to accomplish these ends; 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 § 486, 1st sentence is amended to read:

The commissioner shall have all analyses of commodities, except milk and cream, examined under the inspection laws of which he is the executive, made at the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, or at some other facility of equal competence.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remove the mandatory language in the law regarding the location of analyses of agricultural commodities.