

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 641

S. P. 226

In Senate, February 20, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Native Farm Produce.

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

7 MRSA § 443-A, is enacted to read:

§ 443-A. Native produce

No farm produce sold or offered for sale within the State shall be labeled or advertised as "native," "native-grown," "locally-grown" or by a similar designation, unless that produce was actually grown in the State of Maine. Violation of this provision shall be a civil violation punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to protect the consumers and producers of Maine-grown farm produce by guaranteeing no produce may be labeled or advertised as native, native-grown or locally-grown if that produce is grown outside the State.