

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-681)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.  
993, L.D. 1230, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Potato Quality."

Amend the Amendment by inserting after the first paragraph  
the following:

'Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the  
2nd sentence of that part designated "§951-A." and inserting  
in its place the following:

'A person, firm or corporation that plants potatoes in  
violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$20 per  
acre for each acre or part of an acre planted in violation.  
The fine shall be payable to the Treasurer of State and credited  
without lapsing to the commissioner for the enforcement of  
this section.'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting before  
section 2 the following:

'Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §957, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1977,  
c. 696, §82, is amended to read:

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any  
of the provisions of sections ~~951~~ 952 to 957 or neglect or  
refuse to comply with any of the provisions required therein  
or in any way violate any of those provisions shall be subject  
to the following civil penalties payable to the State to be  
recovered in a civil action:'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out in the next to the last line before the statement of fact the underlined abbreviation and figure "Sec. 2." and inserting in its place the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 3.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are:

1. <sup>To</sup> provide a fine of \$20 per acre for each acre or part of an acre of potatoes planted in violation of the bill; and
2. To eliminate additional civil penalties contained in Title 7, section 957 which would automatically apply.