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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1114

S. P. 372

In Senate, March 4, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Exempt Certain Agricultural Signs from the Billboard Law.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 1913, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ I and J, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 477, § 7, are amended to read:

I. Signs erected for an election, primary or referendum. These signs shall be erected no sooner than 3 weeks before the date of the election, primary or referendum and shall be removed no later than one week after that date; ~~and~~

J. Signs erected outside of the public right-of-way by nonprofit historical and cultural institutions. Each institution, who has certified its nonprofit status with the commissioner, may erect no more than 2 signs with a surface area not to exceed 50 square feet per sign; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA § 1913, sub-§ 1, ¶ K is enacted to read:

K. Signs erected by growers of crops to direct the public to the sale of these crops on the premises where the crops are grown.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to exclude certain agricultural signs from the requirements of the billboard law. License fees, requirements for signs made of

certain materials and other provisions applied to those required to be licensed to erect a sign are a hardship on growers of fruits, vegetables and other crops who wish to sell their produce directly to the public. This bill exempts the signs erected by these growers from the licensing requirements.