

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1399**

H. P. 1175

House of Representatives, March 19, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick.

Cosponsor: Senator Shute of Waldo.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Protect Farmers' Right to Farm.**

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

17 MRSA § 2707 is enacted to read:

**§ 2707. Exemption of certain agricultural practices**

**No action for public or private nuisance may be maintained against a farmer for injury arising from normal and accepted agricultural practices. These practices include, but are not limited to, the use of irrigation pumps and equipment, the dispersion of manure, the aerial and ground application of chemical fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides, the use of tractors, aerial and ground seeding. These practices may occur at any time during the week.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to protect farmers' rights to continue farming under generally accepted agricultural practices free from harassment by nuisance suits.