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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1764

7 H. P. 1774 House of Representatives, January 7, 1982
8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to
Joint Rule 26.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

9 Presented by Representative Clark of Millinocket.
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11 Cosponsors: Representative Michaud of East Millinocket and Sena-
12 tor Pray of Penobscot.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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18 **AN ACT Concerning Need Under the School Lunch Program.**
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 20 MRSA §1053, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 62,
22 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

23 10. Permanent waiver; reconsideration. Notwithstanding
24 subsection 9 regarding periodic reapplication for postpone-
25 ment, administrative units which have been authorized by the
26 commissioner as of September 1, 1980, to postpone the estab-
27 lishment of a National School Lunch Program because of lack
28 of need under subsection 9 are granted a permanent waiver.

29 Whenever 1% of the residents living within the boundaries of
30 the administrative unit petition the local school committee
31 or directors to reconsider that unit's postponement or
32 waiver of participation in the National School Lunch Pro-

1 gram, the local school committee or directors shall call a
2 public hearing to reconsider the issue. If after the hear-
3 ing the local school committee or directors determine the
4 National School Lunch Program should be implemented, appli-
5 cation will be made to the Department of Educational and
6 Cultural Services for assistance in implementing the pro-
7 gram.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The purpose of this bill is to permanently waive the
10 requirement of participation in the National School Lunch
11 Program for those administrative units initially granted a
12 postponement for lack of need as of September 1, 1980. The
13 bill preserves the right of local residents to petition for
14 reconsideration of the decision of their administrative unit
15 to not participate in the program. Instead of directing
16 their petition to the Commissioner of Educational and Cul-
17 tural Services, petitions would be directed to local school
18 committees or directors, thus keeping the decision an
19 entirely local one.

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