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L.D. 1125

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " *B* " to H.P. 871,  
L.D. 1125, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Annual Disclosure  
of Interest in Agricultural Land in Maine."

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§32." in subsection 2 in the last line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined punctuation and words ", timber, sod and forest and nursery products" and inserting in their place the following underlined words 'and sod'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§32." by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

'5. Farm partnership. "Farm partnership" means an association of 2 or more individuals formed for the purpose of farming.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§32." in subsection 5 by striking out all of paragraph A.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§32." in subsection 5 by renumbering paragraphs B, C and D to be paragraphs A, B and C.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§32." by striking out all of subsection 6.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§32." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§33." in subsection 1 in the first and

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1 2nd lines (page 3, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.) by striking  
2 out the underlined words and punctuation "Any person  
3 who, on his" and inserting in their place the follow-  
4 ing underlined words and punctuation 'Any corporation  
5 or partnership which, on its'

6 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part  
7 designated "§33." in subsection 2 in paragraph A in  
8 the first line (page 3, line 16 in L.D.) by striking  
9 out the underlined word "person" and inserting in its  
10 place the underlined words 'corporation or partner-  
11 ship'

12 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part  
13 designated "§33." in subsection 2 in paragraph B in  
14 the 2nd line (page 3, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out  
15 the underlined word "person" and inserting in its  
16 place the underlined words 'corporation or partner-  
17 ship'

18 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part  
19 designated "§33." in subsection 3 in the first line  
20 (page 3, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the under-  
21 lined word "person" and inserting in its place the  
22 underlined words 'corporation or partnership'

23 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking  
24 out all of that part designated "§34." and inserting  
25 in its place the following:

26 '§34. Exemptions

27 1. Family farm corporation or partnership. A  
28 family farm corporation or farm partnership as de-  
29 defined in section 32 shall not be required to comply  
30 with the reporting requirements in section 33.

31 2. Ten-acre exemption. A corporation or part-  
32 nership owning less than 10 acres of land, which is  
33 the subject of a single acquisition or transfer, is  
34 not required to comply with the reporting require-  
35 ments in section 33.'

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1 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking  
2 out all of that part designated "§36." and inserting  
3 in its place the following:

4 '§36. Penalties

5 1. Violation. Any corporation or partnership  
6 subject to this chapter which violates this law or  
7 the regulations adopted thereunder or which submits  
8 a report which contains information that is false or  
9 misleading shall be subject to a civil penalty, pay-  
10 able to the State, of not more than \$50 for each day  
11 of the violation.

12 2. Warning. A corporation or partnership sub-  
13 ject to this chapter which does not comply with the  
14 law in a timely fashion shall first receive a written  
15 warning from the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
16 Rural Resources which will require presentation of  
17 the information within 30 days. After the 30-day  
18 notice period is expired, penalties described in sub-  
19 section 1 shall be imposed.'

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This amendment requires corporations and partner-  
22 ships, which are not family farm corporations or farm  
23 partnerships, to file an annual report providing  
24 information regarding ownership of agricultural land.  
25 This annual report is submitted to the Department of  
26 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

27 Several other parts of the bill have been changed  
28 to accomplish the purpose of this amendment, without  
29 creating a burdensome reporting procedure or an  
30 unreasonable penalty.

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