

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 2179  
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7 H.P. 1645

House of Representatives, March 6, 1984

8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint  
9 Rule 26.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle..

11 Cosponsors: Representative MacBride of Presque Isle, Representative  
Crouse of Washburn and Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT to Increase the Potato Tax.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4565, as amended by PL 1977, c.  
22 651, is further amended to read:

23 §4565. Rate of tax

24 A tax is levied and imposed at the rate of ~~\$.025~~  
25 \$.05 per hundredweight on all potatoes raised in this  
26 State except that no tax shall be imposed on any po-  
27 tatoes which are retained by the grower to be used by  
28 him for seed purposes or for home consumption.

29 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4569, as amended by PL 1979, c.  
30 378, §33, is further amended to read:

31 §4569. Records and reports

1 Every shipper shall, on or before the 15th day of  
2 each month, report to the State Tax Assessor the  
3 quantity of potatoes received, sold or shipped by him  
4 during the preceding calendar month and any addition-  
5 al information which the State Tax Assessor deems  
6 pertinent, on forms furnished by the State Tax Asses-  
7 sor. At the time of filing ~~said~~ the report, each  
8 shipper shall pay to the State Tax Assessor a tax at  
9 the rate of ~~\$.025~~ \$.05 per hundredweight upon all po-  
10 tatoes so reported as purchased, sold or shipped. The  
11 State Tax Assessor shall pay over all receipts from  
12 such tax to the Treasurer of State daily.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The potato industry has experienced revenue short  
15 falls in recent years. This bill will increase the  
16 tax revenue to \$.05 per hundredweight. The initial  
17 dollars generated from the tax increase will go to  
18 pay the Maine Potato Council legal fees acquired in  
19 filing the Canadian petition. The tax will then re-  
20 vert to the Revised Statutes, Title 36, section  
21 4571-B. It is perceived the need to investigate the  
22 issue of reorganization or consolidation of those in-  
23 dustry organizations which receive potato tax funds.  
24 This issue will be addressed prior to a future legis-  
25 lative session.

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