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1	L.D. 1316
2	(Filing No. S- 303)
3	STATE OF MAINE
4	SENATE
5 6	112TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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7 8 9	SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 489, L.D. 1316, Bill, "AN ACT to Encourage a Viable Agriculture for Maine."
10	Amend the amendment in section 2, in that part
11	designated "§314." by striking out the headnote and
12	the first paragraph and inserting in their place the
13	following:
14	'§314. Establishing a pilot program for identifying
15	regional opportunities
16	In response to these legislative findings, the
17	commissioner shall establish a pilot program to re-
18 19	view and identify the agricultural opportunities and
20	constraints in up to 4 regions of the State and, to the maximum extent possible, to administer the de-
21	partment's programs in these selected regions so as
22	to address these opportunities and constraints. In
23	this pilot program, the commissioner shall:
24	Further amend the amendment in section 2, in that
25	part designated "§314." in subsection 1, in the last
26	line (page 4, line 26 in amendment) by striking out
27	the following: "assessment;" and inserting in its
28	place the following: 'assessment; and'
29	Further amend the amendment in section 2, in that
30	part designated "§314." by striking out all of sub-
31	section 2 and inserting in its place the following:
32	'2. Local lead agencies. By rule establish cri-
33	teria for selecting up to 4 regions for inclusion in
34	this pilot program and designating local lead agen-
35	cies to coordinate public input and assist in this
36	regional assessment, provided that preference shall
37	be given to local soil and water conservation dis-

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1 2 3 4 5	tricts as lead agencies which meet designation criteria. Regions shall be selected so as to reflect the agricultural, geographic and demographic diversity of the State and the capacity of potential local lead agencies to participate in this pilot program.'
6	STATEMENT OF FACT
7 8 9	This amendment modifies the agricultural viability program to make it a pilot program to be tested in up to 4 regions of the State.
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11 12	(Sen. Pearson)
13	COUNTY: Penobscot

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