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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle. Cosponsored by Representatives MAHANY of Easton, PINES of Limestone and Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide Funding for Potato Variety Breeding and Development.

4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 5 follows:

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1987-88

\$60,000

10 <u>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,</u> 11 DEPARTMENT OF

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13 These funds are to be

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used to help fund the Maine Potato Breeding Program in order to provide for joint state and potato industry funding of potato breeding and development work in the State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The development of new and improved potato varieties, their evaluation for cultural, storage and mar-keting characteristics and their release to the pota-11 12 13 to industry is critical to the economic growth of 14 Maine potato farms. This bill provides for joint state and potato industry funding of potato breeding and development work in the State and to accelerate 15 16 17 potato development activity to speed the development 18 of more adaptable potato varieties on Maine potato 19 farms.

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