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L.D. 911

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 678, L.D. 911,
Bill, "AN ACT to Encourage Investment in the Develop-
ment of Potato Varieties."

Amend the bill by inserting after the amending
clause the following:

'§2103-A. Certification of seed potatoes'

Further amend the bill in subsection 4, in the
first, 2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 11 to 13 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "In order to en-
courage and protect investment in the development of
new potato varieties, for" and inserting in its place
the following: 'For'

Further amend the bill in subsection 6, in the
last line (page 3, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out
the following: "1992." and inserting in its place the
following: '1994 and subsection 7 is repealed July 1,
1988.'

Further amend the bill by adding before the
statement of fact the following:

'7. Limitation. Notwithstanding any provision
to the contrary, the commissioner may certify seed
which would otherwise flush out of the certification
program, upon application for certification by the
grower of the seed and when the commissioner finds
the following:

A. The variety has not been released to the pub-
lic;

B. The first application to the commissioner for
certification and inspection of the variety was

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1 made prior to 1982;

2 C. The grower now making application to the com-
3 missioner grew seed potatoes of this variety in
4 this State which seed was certified in this State
5 in 1986;

6 D. The seed for which application is now made
7 meets all other requirements and standards of the
8 certification program; and

9 E. The grower's only source of seed of the vari-
10 ety is through the granting of the waiver.'

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This amendment gives the commissioner the author-
13 ity to extend the certification life of certain
14 nonreleased varieties of potato seed for a maximum of
15 2 years.

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Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Agriculture
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