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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1075.

H.P. 801 House of Representatives, April 2, 1987 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative MAHANY of Easton.
Cosponsored by Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook,
Representatives LISNIK of Presque Isle and PINES of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 2 3	AN ACT to Increase Maine Agricultural Market Research and Development.		
4 5	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:		
6	7 MRSA §401-D is enacted to read:		
7	§401-D. Agricultural market research grants		
8 9	The commissioner may award agricultural market research grants in accordance with this section.		
.0	1. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to		
.1	increase research and development funding for market		
.2	research related to state agricultural products by		
.3	establishing a program of matching grants for this		
4	purpose.		

Eligibility. Any qualified ind	ividual firm
or organization, including the Universit	
any other branch of the University of	
and the Agricultural Extension Service is	
apply for a grant under this section. The	
shall establish appropriate qualificat	ion criteria
and application submission and review	
Preference shall be given to projects	directed to
markets in which Maine does not alread	y have a sig-
nificant presence.	

- 3. Fund established. The Maine Agricultural Market Research Fund is established, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The fund may receive money from annual legislative appropriation and from other public and private sources. The balance in the fund shall be nonlapsing and carried forward from one fiscal year to the next. Money in the fund may be expended only for the purposes of this section.
- 4. Grants requirements. No single grant may exceed 20 % of the funds available for grants in a given fiscal year. Each grant applicant shall make available matching funds equal to at least 25% of the cost of the proposed project, including funds from the private sector equal to at least 10% of the cost.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes an agricultural market research grant program with emphasis on new markets. It will be funded by appropriations and by donations from public and private sources. A related funding request of \$40,000 is included in the Part II Budget request of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide funds for matching money for private sector market research and development projects.