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L.D. 1613

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**A**" to H.P. 1183, L.D. 1613, Bill, "AN ACT to Continue the Potato Marketing Advisory Program."

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Potato Marketing Advisory Program requires immediate legislative action to extend the life of a critical program which provides price and market information on a timely basis to potato farmers; and

Whereas, the Potato Marketing Advisory Program has made a major contribution in strengthening the State's potato marketing system; and

Whereas, the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the agricultural community of the State support continuation of the Potato Marketing Advisory Program; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore'

Further amend the bill by inserting before section 3 the following:

'Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §1008-B, sub-§8, as amended by

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1 PL 1985, c. 295, §§24 and 25, is further amended to  
2 read:

3 8. Duties of the board. The board shall:

4 A. Prior to the beginning of each marketing  
5 year, study the existing supply of potatoes in  
6 the State and the existing and potential market  
7 for the potatoes and shall recommend to the com-  
8 missioner a pricing strategy for the marketing  
9 year or any month or portion thereof. In devel-  
10 oping this policy, the board shall consider eco-  
11 nomic and marketing information, including the  
12 estimated volume of Maine potatoes; the estimated  
13 volume of potatoes available in other areas; the  
14 past, present and prospective demand for Maine  
15 potatoes of various grades, sizes and varieties;  
16 and conditions under which a fair market value  
17 can not be determined. The board shall advise  
18 the commissioner of its findings along with rec-  
19 ommendations for procedures to guide the determi-  
20 nation of a daily fair market value; and

21 B. Recommend to the commissioner a schedule for  
22 establishing premiums and discounts to reflect  
23 differences in quality, container type, transpor-  
24 tation cost and such other factors as the board  
25 deems appropriate; and

26 C. Identify and report marketing information on  
27 broccoli and other rotational crops which play a  
28 role in determining the economic viability of the  
29 potato industry in this State.'

30 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-  
31 tions to read consecutively.

32 Further amend the bill by inserting before the  
33 Statement of Fact the following:

34 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency  
35 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect

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1 when approved.

2 FISCAL NOTE

3 This bill continues the Potato Marketing Advisory  
4 Program and requires a General Fund appropriation to  
5 the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Re-  
6 sources, marketing services, in the amount of \$20,000  
7 for fiscal year 1988 and \$20,000 for fiscal year  
8 1989. This funding has been included in the Part II  
9 Budget, Legislative Document 538. This bill may re-  
10 quire an amendment to include an appropriation sec-  
11 tion, depending upon the funding status in Legisla-  
12 tive Document 538.'

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This amendment includes within the responsibili-  
15 ties of the Potato Marketing Advisory Board the au-  
16 thority to identify and report marketing information  
17 on broccoli and other rotational crops which play a  
18 role in the crop management schemes of the State's  
19 potato farmers. An emergency preamble and clause is  
20 also added to the bill to ensure the uninterrupted  
21 continuation of the program.

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