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NO. 1613

H.P. 1183

House of Representatives, May 18, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative NUTTING of Leeds, Senators TWITCHELL of Oxford and BLACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Continue the Potato Marketing
Advisory Program.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1008-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 582, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1008-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 582, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Nominations. Each member shall be appointed by the commissioner from a list of at least 3 nominees selected as follows.

1 A. For each vacancy on the board, the executive
2 council for the assembly of dealers, established
3 according to Title 36, section 4603, shall submit
4 a list of at least 3 nominees at least 30 days
5 before each new term of office begins or after
6 any vacancy occurs.

7 B. For each vacancy on the board, the executive
8 council for the assembly of tablestock growers,
9 established according to Title 36, section 4603,
10 shall submit a list of at least 3 nominees at
11 least 30 days before each new term of office be-
12 gins or after any vacancy occurs.

13 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §1008-G, as enacted by PL 1983,**
14 **c. 582, §1, is amended to read:**

15 §1008-G. Personal liability of board member

16 No member or alternate of the board, nor any em-
17 ployee or agent thereof, may be held personally re-
18 sponsible, either individually or jointly with oth-
19 ers, in any way whatsoever, to any handler or to any
20 person for errors in judgment, mistakes or other
21 acts, either of commission or omission, as of such
22 member, alternate or employee, except for acts of
23 dishonesty.

24 **Sec. 4. PL 1983, c. 582, §4, as amended by PL**
25 **1985, c. 450, is repealed.**

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 The Potato Marketing Advisory Program provides
28 price and market information to potato growers and
29 dealers to assist them in making marketing decisions.
30 By virtue of the repealer provision in the law, the
31 program will end on June 30, 1987. The program has
32 demonstrated its worth and is widely perceived to be
33 very valuable, especially among those growers and
34 dealers who understand marketing. The removal of the
35 repealer provision allows the program to continue.

36 The original legislation created the Potato Mar-
37 keting Advisory Board to advise the commissioner on

1 the operation of the program. The manner in which
2 nominations to the Potato Marketing Advisory Board
3 are made needs to be changed to reflect the recent
4 consolidation of potato industry organizations into
5 the Maine Potato Board and its related grower and
6 dealer assemblies. This bill makes the necessary
7 changes.

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