

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2414

H.P. 1761 House of Representatives, March 2, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.

Cosponsored by Representatives PARENT of Benton and
MAHANY of Easton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Define the Financial**
2 **Relationship of the Maine Potato Board and the**
3 **Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural**
4 **Resources.**
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4603, sub-§9, as enacted by PL**
9 **1985, c. 753, §§14 and 15, is amended to read:**

1 9. Staff. The board shall appoint an executive
2 director who shall be the board's chief administrative
3 officer and who shall serve at the pleasure of the
4 board. The executive director shall report and be
5 accountable directly to the board. The executive
6 director shall employ such additional staff as the
7 board directs and the staff shall serve at the
8 pleasure of the executive director. No staff of the
9 board is subject to the Personnel Civil Service
10 Law. The salary paid to the executive director and
11 other staff of the board shall be fixed by the board,
12 subject to the approval of the Governor. The board
13 may delegate to its staff the power to execute the
14 board's policies and programs, subject to regular
15 oversight of the board.

16 Sec. 2. 36 MRS §4604, sub-§4-A is enacted to
17 read:

18 4-A. Incidental expenses. Money received by the
19 board from any public or private source up to \$2,000
20 annually may be expended by the board for meals,
21 lodging, travel, entertainment related to marketing or
22 similar incidental expenses related to furthering the
23 purposes of the board. The board may disburse these
24 funds to any nonprofit organization, including any
25 nonprofit organization established by the board, for
26 such incidental expenses. Expenditures made under
27 this subsection shall not be subject to review by the
28 department.

29 Sec. 3. 36 MRS §4604, sub-§7 is enacted to
30 read:

31 7. Lobbying. The board may delegate to its
32 executive director the power to engage in lobbying
33 activities on behalf of the board.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 This bill provides that the Executive Director of
36 the Maine Potato Board shall report and be accountable
37 directly to the board and may engage in lobbying
38 activities on behalf of the board. The bill also

1 authorizes the board to make expenditures up to the
2 amount of \$2,000 annually, without the necessity of
3 department approval, for meals, lodging, travel,
4 entertainment for marketing and other incidental
5 expenses that further the purposes of the board.

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