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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Representative FARNUM of South Berwick and Representative SHELTRA of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Authorize Assistance to Nurseries to Prevent Deer Damage.



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

3 12 MRSA §7504, sub-§5, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1979, c.
5 420, §1, are amended to read:

7 A. Whenever deer are doing damage to orchards and
9 nurseries or crops, including legumes, but excepting grass,
11 the department shall furnish to the owner or agent of the
orchards, nurseries and crops suitable repellants without
cost to the owner or agent. The commissioner may follow
other good conservation practices to alleviate the damage.

13 B. Whenever the commissioner deems it impossible to keep
15 deer from doing damage to nurseries or young orchards, he
17 the commissioner may enter into an agreement with the owner
of a nursery or young orchard whereby the department will
assume 1/2 the cost of fencing the orchard.

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21 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 Currently, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
25 is required to furnish deer repellent to orchards and farms when
deer are doing damage and to pay 1/2 the cost of fencing young
27 orchards in such situations.

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29 This bill adds nurseries and nursery crops to the list of
agricultural businesses qualifying for this departmental
31 assistance.

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