

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 442

House of Representatives, March 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

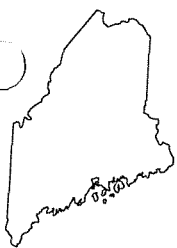
Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representative NUTTING of Leeds, Representative TARDY of Palmyra and Representative LORD of Waterboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Protect Working Farms.



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

3 **30-A MRSA §4503, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

5 10. Rezoning working farms. Agricultural zoning of farmland
6 cannot be changed without the written permission of the
7 landowner. The municipal officers shall notify in writing the
8 owner of any farmland on which they propose to change an
9 agricultural zoning designation. The landowner has 90 days to
10 respond in writing with approval for the change. If the
11 landowner does not approve the change, the parcel shall remain in
12 agricultural zoning. For the purposes of this subsection,
13 farmland shall have the same meaning as in Title 7, chapter 2-A.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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18 This bill proposes to require that changes to the
19 agricultural zoning of working farms be approved by the
20 landowner. It requires the municipal officers to notify the
21 landowner in writing of any proposed changes to the zoning
22 classification of their land. The landowner then has 90 days to
23 approve the change.