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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield.

Cosponsored by Representative TARDY of Palmyra and Representative RICHARDS of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding Landowner Declaration of Farmland.



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

3 **7 MRSA §44, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 650, is**
5 **amended to read:**

7 **1. Proceeding to determine eligibility of farmland for**
9 **registration.** If such a proceeding is initiated, the owner of
11 the farmland shall have the burden of proving to the municipal
13 body that the farmland meets the requirements for registration
15 under this chapter. The proceeding shall be commenced within 15
17 90 days after receipt of notice of registration. Farmland
19 registration shall not be effective until the expiration of 15 90
21 days after receipt of notice by the municipality and abutting
23 owners as required in this chapter or, if review proceedings are
25 initiated under this paragraph upon the decision of the
municipality upholding the registration.

21 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

23 This bill lengthens the period before which registration of
25 land as farmland becomes effective under the "Harmony Law".
Currently, the period is 15 days. This bill changes it to 90
days.