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L.D. 1751

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1252, L.D. 1751, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §231, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 805, §2, is amended to read:

1. **Members; terms.** The Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, as established in Title 5, section ~~12004~~ 12004-I, subsection ~~10 20-A~~, shall be composed of 9 11 members, including 3 ex officio members and 8 members appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture and confirmation by the Legislature. To provide the knowledge and experience necessary for carrying out the duties of the commission, one person shall be appointed who has practical experience and knowledge in agricultural procedures, one who has practical experience and knowledge in environmental and conservation issues, a health care professional, a representative from the forest products industry, ~~the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station~~, a representative from the marine fisheries industry, a person appointed to represent the general public, one practicing scientist who shall be a representative of industry and one practicing scientist who shall be a representative of the academic community. The terms shall be for 4 years, except that, of the initial appointees, 3 2 shall serve 4-year terms, 2 shall serve 3-year terms, 2 shall serve 2-year terms and 2 shall serve a one-year term. Any vacancy shall be filled by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The 3 ex officio members are: the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources or the commissioner's designee; the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station; and the Executive Director of the Maine Science and Technology Commission.

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Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "Sec. 3" in the 3rd line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "June 15, 1989" and inserting in its place the following: 'July 15, 1989'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of that part designated "Sec. 5" and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1988-89

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Agricultural Production**

All Other \$4,000

Provides funding for 6 meetings of the ~~9-member~~ 11-member Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering and for departmental staffing. These funds shall not lapse until June 30, 1990.

Further amend the bill by inserting after the emergency clause and before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

Enactment of this bill would merely provide nonlapsing language to an appropriation enacted by Public Law 1987, chapter 805.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment makes the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station an ex officio member of the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, sets a new date of July 15, 1989, for nomination to commission appointments and ensures that funds appropriated in fiscal year 1988-89 will not lapse until the end of fiscal year 1989-90.