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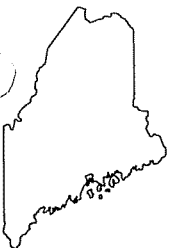
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Transfer Responsibility for the "Agriculture in the Classroom" Program from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the University of Maine System.



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

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4 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §241, sub-§§1, 2 and 3, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
194, are amended to read:

6 1. **Public awareness.** Produce audio-visual materials,
8 facilitate public service programming, prepare written materials,
organize a speakers' bureau and otherwise educate the public.
10 The commissioner, in carrying out these duties, shall address the
following needs: maintaining a lasting and sustainable
12 agriculture; protecting our critical rural infrastructures;
guaranteeing continued and effective production and marketing of
14 fresh fruits, vegetables and livestock; preserving prime
farmland; conserving our soils and water; and generally ensuring
the quality of life in rural Maine. ;

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18 2. **Agricultural literacy.** Cooperate with the Department of
Educational and Cultural Services to develop instructional
20 materials, train teachers and teacher trainers and otherwise
complete actions for utilizing agriculture as an exciting medium
22 for educating students both about society and the natural world,
while increasing their literacy by infusing basic agricultural
24 concepts such as agriculture and economics, the dynamics of world
hunger, agriculture and history within present subjects taught in
Maine schools. ;

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28 3. **Cooperation.** Cooperate with appropriate local, state,
and federal agencies and institutions, educational and farm
30 organizations and interested individuals, including the Maine Ag
Agriculture in the Classroom Association, the Department of
32 Educational and Cultural Services and the Cooperative Extension
Service in carrying out this chapter. ; and

34 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §241, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

36 4. **Transfer.** Beginning August 1, 1990, transfer to the
38 Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine System
in cooperation with the entities listed in subsection 3
40 responsibility for carrying out this chapter and administering
the "Agriculture in the Classroom" program. After the transfer
42 is complete, the Cooperative Extension Service of the University
of Maine System must cooperate with the Department of
44 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in addition to the entities
listed in subsection 3.

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48 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

50 This bill will transfer responsibility for the "Agriculture
in the Classroom" program from the Department of Agriculture,

2 Food and Rural Resources to the University of Maine System
beginning on August 1, 1990.