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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative NUTTING of Leeds.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Representative MAHANY of Easton and Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Strengthen and Fund Organic Food Certification in Maine.



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

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329, §2, is further amended to read:

6 A. A raw agricultural commodity. Microbiological products,
7 botanical pesticides and materials consisting whose active
8 ingredients consist only of, or are derived or extracted
9 solely from, plant, animal or mineral-bearing rock
10 substances may be used in the production, storing,
11 processing or packaging of raw agricultural commodities in
12 order to meet the requirements of this paragraph. For the
13 purposes of this subsection, "synthetically compounded"
14 means those products formulated by a process which
15 chemically changes a material or substance extracted from
16 naturally occurring plant, animal or mineral sources,
17 excepting microbiological processes. Microbiological
18 products shall include, but are not limited to, raw manures,
19 composted manures and inoculants and shall exclude
20 chemically contaminated and uncomposted sludge. Botanical
21 products shall include, but are not limited to, rotenone,
22 ryania, pyrethrum, ground tobacco stems and leaves and other
23 pesticides of plant origin;

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25 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §553, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1979, c.
26 240, §1, is amended to read:

27 D. Meat, poultry or fish produced without the use of any
28 chemical or drug to stimulate or regulate growth or
29 tenderness and without any drug or antibiotic administered
30 or introduced to the animal by injection or ingestion,
31 except internal parasiticides for severe infection that
32 cannot be treated another way, provided the withdrawal
33 period is doubled, or unless prescribed by a veterinarian or
34 extension specialist for treatment of a specific disease or
35 malady and in no event administered or introduced within 90
36 days of the slaughter of the animal; at least the final 60%
37 of the sale weight of each animal, bird or fish must have
38 been raised on feed which is a raw agricultural commodity
39 which complies with the requirements of paragraph A; or

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41 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
42 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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45 1990-91

46 AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL
47 RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

48
49 All Other \$16,360

2 Provides funds for a \$16,360 grant to a
private organization to perform services for
4 the certification of organic food in this
State.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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10 This bill amends the existing law to allow practices and
materials considered to be organic in the agricultural
community. It also provides funding for a private organization
12 to provide certification services to the State. Both the changes
to the law and funding for certification will foster new entries
14 to the organic agriculture industry of the State.