

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 28, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Promote the Marketing of Fresh Produce Grown within the State.



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

4 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §556, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 240, §1, is
repealed.

6 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §556-A is enacted to read:

8 §556-A. Certification

10 1. Certification required. Food labeled or advertised as
12 natural, organic, organically grown, biologically grown or by a
14 similar term, may not be labeled or advertised as "certified"
16 unless the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
has certified the food under this section and the label or
advertisement bears the natural food symbol provided in section
552, subsection 4.

18 2. Procedure. The Department of Agriculture, Food and
20 Rural Resources shall promulgate rules and procedures in
22 accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, for certifying food under
this section that are consistent with sections 552 and 553.

24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This bill requires food marketed in this State as "natural"
28 or "organic" to be certified by the Department of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Resources.