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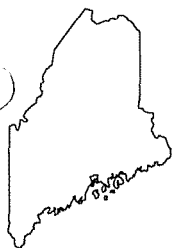
Presented by Representative PINES of Limestone.

Cosponsored by Representative BELL of Caribou, Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo and Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

**An Act to Clarify the Relationship Between the Maine Potato Board,
the Maine Potato Quality Control Board and the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.**



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

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4 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1033, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL
6 1987, c. 99, §11, is repealed and the following enacted in its
8 place:

10 3. Finances. The Maine Potato Board may receive funds
12 jointly from any source and spend funds in furtherance of this
14 article, in accordance with the plan and budget proposed and
16 prepared by the Maine Potato Quality Control Board and the Maine
18 Potato Board and approved by the commissioner. The plan and
20 budget must be fashioned in a manner appropriate for the
22 effective promotion of tablestock potatoes. Any funds received
24 by the Maine Potato Board shall be placed in a nonlapsing
26 revolving fund.

28 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1033, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL
30 1987, c. 99, §12, is amended to read:

32 4. Relationship to Maine Potato Board. The Maine Potato
34 Quality Control Board shall function under the oversight of the
36 Maine Potato Board. The Maine Potato Quality Control Board and
38 the Maine Potato Board shall jointly annually prepare a plan and
40 budget for the carrying-out-of-its-responsibilities-under-this
42 article,--shall-submit-the-plan-and-budget-to-the-Maine-Potato
44 Board-for-its-approval-and,--following-approval,--shall-carry-out
46 the-approved-plan effective promotion of tablestock potatoes
which shall be submitted to the commissioner for approval. The
Maine Potato Quality Board shall carry out the approved plan. If
the plan and budget include the hiring of any staff, that staff
shall be employees of the Maine Potato Board, in accordance with
Title 36, section 4603, subsection 9.

STATEMENT OF FACT

36 Currently, the Maine Potato Quality Control Board submits a
38 plan of work and a proposal budget to the Maine Potato Board for
40 approval. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural
42 Resources, however, by virtue of Public Law 1987, chapter 99,
44 holds the entire operating budget of the Maine Potato Quality
46 Control Board and makes it available through a grant to the Maine
Potato Board. This bill makes clear that the Maine Potato
Quality Control Board and the Maine Potato Board shall jointly
prepare and submit a plan of work and budget to the commissioner
for approval as a condition to funds being made available.