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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 923, L.D. 2332, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Minimum Standards for Planting Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, potatoes will be planted within 60 days of adjournment; and

Whereas, the benefits received by the State as a result of the certified seed potato program depend on the continued cooperation of farmers with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; and

Whereas, this cooperation is threatened under existing circumstances; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill in the first paragraph after the amending clause in the 9th and 10th lines (page 1, lines 14 and 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for a violation of criminal law." and inserting in its place the following: 'for a criminal violation. A grower may authorize in writing the disclosure of records pertaining to minimum standards for planting.'

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

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6 **'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause, adds a
provision to allow growers to authorize release of planting
records and makes a technical change in the original bill.

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Reported by Senator Twitchell for the Committee on Agriculture.
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