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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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No. 2332

S.P. 923

In Senate, February 16, 1990

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative PINES of Limestone, Representative TARDY of Palmyra and Representative MARTIN of Van Buren.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Amend the Minimum Standards for Planting Laws.



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

7 MRSA §951-A, last ¶; as enacted by PL 1979, c. 532, §1, is amended to read:

Each grower shall keep records of seed planted by variety and by fields during the growing season and report planting records as may be requested by the commissioner. Notwithstanding Title 1, chapter 13, records pertaining to minimum standards for planting received or kept by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources are confidential and not available for inspection. The confidential status terminates when the records are subpoenaed as evidence in any proceeding to enforce a provision of this section, or in any prosecution for a violation of criminal law.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to assure that potentially sensitive business information that is made available to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is afforded confidential status and is thereby protected from the provisions of the freedom of access laws.