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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra. Cosponsored by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering.

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §231, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 805, 4 §2, is amended to read:

6 2. Organization of commission. The commission shall elect its own ehairman chair and such other officers as it determines necessary from among the membership. The commission shall meet 8 at the call of the ehairman <u>chair</u> or at the request of any 3 10 members. Five Six members shall constitute a quorum and any action shall-require requires the affirmative vote of the greater 12 of either a majority of those present and voting or at least 3 4The ehairman chair and the any other officers shall members. serve-in-such-capacities-for-a-period-of-one-year-following-their 14 elections be elected to one-year terms.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §233, sub-§§1 and 5 to 7, as enacted by PL 1987, 18 c. 805, §2, are amended to read:

20 1. Research. To eenduet-and encourage research designed to further new and more extensive uses of the resources of the 22 State, and to promote and encourage the advancement of bietechnological research in biotechnology and genetic research 24 engineering;

26 5. Risks. To assess petential risks to the public, including-moral, --othical--and--social, and to the environment
28 created by these-industries the use of biotechnology and genetic engineering, their products and waste products;

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Release of products and waste products. б. To study, 32 and review the adequacy of federal and state laws analyze governing the release of any by-preducts products and waste 34 products of these---industries biotechnology and genetic engineering into the environment r -- as -- to -- their -- adequacy in 36 safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare and, specifically, whether the relevant laws will prevent releases 38 that will have any substantially deleterious effect on the population or environment of this State;

7. Establish standards. To establish standards for the
42 issuance and renewal of permits for the release into the
environment of these by-products products and waste products; and
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## STATEMENT OF FACT

48 This bill makes several technical changes pertaining to the operation, powers and duties of the Commission on Biotechnology 50 and Genetic Engineering.