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House of Representatives, February 8, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

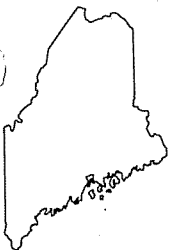
Presented by Representative MARSH of West Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo, Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and Representative ADAMS of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Setting Up the Office of Farmland Development Rights.



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

4 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 2-B, first 2 lines are repealed and the
following enacted in their place:

6 CHAPTER 2-B

8 REGISTRATION OF FARMLAND

10 SUBCHAPTER I

12 ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT

14 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §51, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 478, §1,
is amended to read:

16 The Legislature finds that the public health, safety and
18 welfare is threatened when land immediately adjacent to farmland
is developed for human habitation. This development and the uses
20 incident to it are inconsistent with various activities commonly
engaged in on farmland, such as the application of agricultural
22 chemicals. The Legislature declares that the purposes of this
chapter ~~subchapter~~ are:

24 Sec. 3. 7 MRSA c. 2-B, sub-c. II is enacted to read:

26 SUBCHAPTER II

28 DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

30 §60. Office of Farmland Development Rights

32 The Office of Farmland Development Rights is established
34 within the department to purchase and to coordinate the purchase
of development rights on farmland.

36 Sec. 4. Report. By January 1, 1992, the Commissioner of
38 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall submit to the Joint
Standing Committee on Agriculture an operating plan and proposed
40 budget for the Office of Farmland Development Rights establishes
in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 60. The plan
42 must include any necessary implementing legislation.

44 STATEMENT OF FACT

46 This bill sets up the Office of Farmland Development Rights
48 within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.
The commissioner is directed to draw up a plan of operation and
50 present it to the Legislature.