

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1432

House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
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 MAHANY of Easton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act Concerning the Shared Use of Crop-handling Equipment by Seed
Potato Growers.**

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

4 **7 MRSA §2103-A, sub-§9 is enacted to read:**

6 **9. Shared crop-handling equipment. If seed potatoes from a**
8 **farm or crop are not certified because of the presence of**
10 **pathogens, the seed potatoes from any other farm or crop that**
12 **uses the same crop-handling equipment may not be certified unless**
14 **sufficient proof exists that the equipment was thoroughly washed**
16 **and disinfected between farming operations under the supervision**
18 **of a certified seed potato inspector.**

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill provides that if 2 or more seed potato growers
share crop-handling equipment and the seed potatoes of one grower
are not certified because of the presence of pathogens, then the
seed potatoes of the other growers may not be certified unless
the equipment has been washed and disinfected under the
supervision of a certified seed potato inspector.