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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 83, L.D. 113, Bill, "An Act to Create a Program to Promote the Purchase of State-grown Produce by Needy Persons"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§471." in the first paragraph in the next to the last line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "markets" the following: 'and farmstands'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will incur some minor additional costs to establish and administer a program to promote the purchase by needy persons of state-grown foods. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

The additional costs to promote the purchase of state-grown foods by needy persons can be absorbed by the Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish a program permitting state and federal food assistance to be used at farmers' markets. The amendment expands the program to farmstands, which the department will include if federal food assistance programs, such as the federal nutrition program for women, infants and children,

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2 authorize the expenditure of federal assistance at farmstands.
The department will adopt rules determining which markets and
4 farmstands are eligible for the program. This amendment also
adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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