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116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

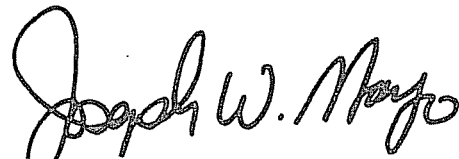
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No. 113

H.P. 83

House of Representatives, January 21, 1993

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.
Cosponsored by Representative ALIBERTI of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Create a Program to Promote the Purchase of State-grown
Produce by Needy Persons.**

(EMERGENCY)

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is important that all people have easy access to
fresh and nutritious food; and

Whereas, promoting the purchase of state-grown produce by
those who are nutritionally deprived will benefit the consumer
who may as a result eat more and fresh produce and also Maine
farmers, food processors and food outlets; and

Whereas, unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency
measure, the program may not be available for the 1993 harvest;
and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 101, sub-c. II-B is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER II-B

STATE-GROWN PRODUCE PROGRAM

§471. Farmers' Market Program

The department, in cooperation with the Commissioner of
Human Services or the commissioner's designee, shall adopt rules
to institute and administer a program to promote the purchase of
state-grown and processed food products at local farmers' markets
by nutritionally at-risk groups.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and
Rural Resources to develop a program to promote the purchase of
state-grown and processed food products by needy persons.