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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1236, L.D. 1663, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Growth and Sale of Cultivated Ginseng in Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

CHAPTER 406

GINSENG

§2221. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Ginseng. "Ginseng" means any part of the plant known as Wild American Ginseng (Panax quinquefolius L.)

§2222. Permit and registration

A person who cultivates ginseng for sale must be licensed by the department and shall pay an annual fee of \$10. A person who buys ginseng for resale shall register annually with the department as a ginseng dealer and pay an annual fee of \$25.

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§2223. Harvesting and certification

The department shall establish a procedure for certifying cultivated ginseng for export to other states or countries. The department shall also require that records be maintained by anyone who harvests ginseng for sale or buys ginseng for resale. The department may charge fees to recover costs involved in certifying ginseng for export.

§2224. Fund

All fees collected under this chapter must be deposited in a nonlapsing dedicated fund to be used by the department to implement this chapter.

§2225. Rules

The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter.

FISCAL NOTE

1994-95

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds \$500

REVENUES

Other Funds \$500

The establishment of a ginseng certification program within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will result in an estimated \$500 in new dedicated revenue in fiscal year 1994-95. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will require an Other Special Revenue allocation of \$500 in fiscal year 1994-95 to authorize expenditures from this new dedicated revenue account to recover costs involved with the ginseng certification program. The actual amounts of dedicated revenue generated and the costs to be covered by this new account may vary from these amounts depending on the demands on the program and the fees to be established.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment deletes language prohibiting the harvesting of ginseng. The amendment also clarifies that only cultivated ginseng may be certified for export, establishes a nonlapsing

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2 dedicated account for fees collected under the chapter and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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