

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

m
K&E

L.D. 941

2
4
6
8
10
12
14
16
18
20
22
24
26
28
30
32
34
36
38
40
42
44
46
48
50

DATE: May 15, 1997

(Filing No. S-240)

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Reported by: Senator Kilkelly

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.

**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 290, L.D. 941, Bill, "An Act to Enhance the Potato Industry"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §950, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 513, §2, is amended to read:

2. **Consumer pack.** "Consumer pack" means a unit of 50-pounds ~~or less net weight~~ of potatoes contained in a bag, crate or any other type of container.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, lines 9 and 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~consumer packs of~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'consumer packs of'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~of consumer packs~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'of consumer packs'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §975-A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. HHHH, §1, is amended to read:

§975-A. Interest on Potato Marketing Improvement Fund balance

All or any portion of the interest earned or accruing on the cash balance of the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund may be used

R & S.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 290, L.D. 941

2 for grants to partially or fully fund research projects to study
and assess technical problems experienced with new and
4 retrofitted storage facilities and to develop means of dealing
with such problems, or to examine, monitor and develop new
6 technologies for the production, storage and handling of
potatoes.'

8 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 4 in the
10 10th line (page 1, line 49 in L.D.) by inserting after the
following: "13," the following: 'subchapter I,'

12 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 4 in the
14 13th to 15th lines (page 2, lines 2 to 4 in L.D.) by striking out
the following: "The confidential status terminates when the
16 records are subpoenaed as evidence in any proceeding to enforce a
provision of this section or in any prosecution for a criminal
18 violation."

20 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

22 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
24 summary the following:

26
28 **FISCAL NOTE**

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
30 incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules
pertaining to potato inspections and to inspect all consumer pack
32 potatoes. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
existing budgeted resources.

34 The collection of additional potato inspection fees will
36 increase dedicated revenue to the department by minor amounts.'

38
40 **SUMMARY**

This amendment provides for inspection of all consumer packs
42 of potatoes and amends the definition of consumer pack to include
all weights of packed potatoes. It corrects a cross-reference
44 and strikes a provision in the original bill regarding
termination of confidential status for certain records. It also
46 adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT