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In Senate, January 14, 1998

An Act to Broaden the Farm Stand Exemption.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, CASSIDY of Washington, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, SPEAR of Nobleboro, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1991, c.
387, §1, is further amended to read:

6 E. Signs bearing political messages; and

8 Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
10 387, §2, is amended to read:

12 F. Signs erected by growers of fresh fruit and vegetable
14 crops advertising those fresh fruits and vegetable crops
16 when crops are offered for sale on premises where those
18 crops are grown from June ~~May~~ 15th to November 1st of each
20 year. Signs may advertise only those fruits and vegetables
that are available for immediate purchase. A grower may not
erect more than 4 signs. A sign may not exceed 8 square
feet in size and must be located within 5 miles of the farm
stand.

22 The signs must be erected on private property with the
24 landowner's written consent, except that the signs may be
erected within but at the edge of the right-of-ways of
highways that receive no federal aid; and

26 Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

28 G. Signs erected by owners or operators of greenhouses in
30 which crops are grown advertising those crops when the crops
32 are offered for sale on premises where those crops are grown
34 from February 1st to December 25th of each year. Signs may
36 advertise only those crops that are available for immediate
purchase. A greenhouse owner or operator may not erect more
than 4 signs. A sign may not exceed 8 square feet in size
and must be located within 5 miles of the greenhouse.

38 The signs must be erected on private property with the
40 landowner's written consent, except that the signs may be
erected within but at the edge of the right-of-ways of
highways that receive no federal aid.

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44 SUMMARY

46 Current law allows a grower of fresh fruit and vegetables to
48 erect signs from June 15th to November 1st, without first
50 obtaining a permit or license, along public ways advertising the
fresh fruit and vegetables available at the grower's farm. This
bill expands the permissible period of time for growers to erect
signs.

2 This bill also extends the same exemption to owners or operators of greenhouses during the period from February 1st to December 25th.