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House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

An Act to Include Marine Products on Roadside Signs.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, CAMERON of Rumford, ETNIER of Harpswell,
FISHER of Brewer, PERKINS of Penobscot, SAVAGE of Union, Senators: DAVIS of
Piscataquis, PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

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6 Whereas, sellers of marine products constitute an important
segment of Maine's economy; and

8 Whereas, sellers of marine products will be economically
disadvantaged if they are not able to advertise their products
with roadside signs during the 1999 tourist season; and

10 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,

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

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

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24 E. Signs bearing political messages; and

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28 **Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
635, §3, is amended to read:

30 G. Signs erected between May 1st and December 31st by a
producer of agricultural products, as long as those signs
advertise products that are grown, produced and sold on the
producer's premise. A producer that grows, produces and
sells an agricultural product from a location with frontage
on a numbered state highway may not erect a sign under this
paragraph adjacent to that highway. Signs must be
directional in nature and may advertise only the
agricultural product that is available for immediate
purchase. The producer erecting the sign shall remove the
sign once the agricultural product advertised on the sign is
no longer available. A sign may not exceed 8 square feet in
size and must be located within 5 miles of where the product
is sold. A sign may only be erected on private property
after the producer erecting the sign has obtained the
landowner's written consent. A sign must be a minimum of 33
feet from the center of a road. A producer may not erect
more than 4 signs pursuant to this paragraph and the total
number of signs erected by that producer under this
paragraph and section 1911, subsection 2 may not exceed 6; and

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50 **Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§2, ¶H** is enacted to read:

