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House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

**An Act to Change the Way Ginseng License and Registration Fees Are
Established.**

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOOLEY of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, COWGER of Hallowell, HONEY of Boothbay, KASPRZAK of Newport, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, USHER of Westbrook,
Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2222**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 454, §4, is
further amended to read:

6 **§2222. Permit and registration**

8 A person who cultivates ginseng for sale must be licensed by
the department and shall pay an annual fee ~~of \$10~~ established by
10 the commissioner by rule, which is a routine technical rule as
defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. A person who
12 buys ginseng for resale shall register annually with the
department as a ginseng dealer and pay an annual fee ~~of \$25~~
14 established by the commissioner by rule, which is a routine
technical rule as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
16 II-A. The commissioner may issue a license for a one-year,
2-year or 3-year period. Licenses for a period in excess of one
18 year may only be issued with the agreement of or at the request
of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year license is 2 times the
20 annual fee. The fee for a 3-year license is 3 times the annual
fee.

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24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill deletes the fees for cultivating ginseng and for
conducting business as a ginseng dealer from law and authorizes
28 the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to
establish these fees by rule.