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14 **STATE OF MAINE**
16 **SENATE**
18 **119TH LEGISLATURE**
20 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

22 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 316, L.D. 950, Bill, "An
24 Act to Consolidate and Improve Agricultural Market Research and
26 New Technology Grants in the Department of Agriculture, Food and
28 Rural Resources to Encourage Economic Development of Maine Farms
30 and Food Processors"

32 Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the
34 enacting clause the following:

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

42 **Whereas,** improvements in grant programs administered by the
44 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources are needed to
46 optimize benefits to agricultural industries of this State; and

48 **Whereas,** grants awarded can assist in adapting new
50 technology and improved marketing of Maine agricultural products;
and

Whereas, changes must be made to facilitate the grant
process prior to soliciting applications and awarding grants; and

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, '

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

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2 'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §125, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 711,
§5, is amended to read:

4 7. Long-range plan. By ~~November 1, 1998~~ January 15, 2000,
6 the board shall establish a long-range plan for operation of the
Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension
8 Service programs that includes but is not limited to plans for
each of the research farms, joint appointments for experiment
10 station and extension faculty, better utilization of research
farms and objectives for research for each agricultural commodity
12 in the State. The plan developed by the board does not include
operations, research and programs relating to forestry, wildlife,
14 aquaculture and fisheries.'

16 Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated
"~~§306-A.~~" in subsection 3 in the 8th line (page 1, line 44 in
L.D.) by inserting after the following: "program." the following:
18 'Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical
rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

20 Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated
22 "~~§306-A.~~" in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the last line (page
2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and
24 inserting in its place the following: 'however, in no case may a
single grant exceed \$30,000;'

26 Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated
28 "~~§306-A.~~" in subsection 3 in paragraph C in subparagraph (2) in
the last line (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the
30 following: "others." and inserting in its place the following:
'others; and'

32 Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated
34 "~~§306-A.~~" in subsection 3 by inserting after paragraph C the
following:

36 'D. When possible, the commissioner shall award grants to
38 applicants representing diverse agricultural enterprises and
geographic areas of the State.'

40 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
42 "~~§308.~~" in the first indented paragraph in the 1st line (page 2,
line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and funds"

44 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
46 "~~§308.~~" in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 2,
line 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "establsihed" and
48 inserting in its place the following: 'established'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
3 "**§308.**" in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 2,
4 line 46 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "section
5 1023-J," the following: 'and funds'

6 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
7 "**§308.**" by striking out all of the 2nd indented paragraph (page
8 3, lines 5 to 8 in L.D.)

10 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated
11 "**§436.**" in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3,
12 line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Agrcicultural"
13 and inserting in its place the following: 'Agricultural'

14 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated
15 "**§436.**" in the first indented paragraph in the last line (page 3,
16 line 38 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "10." the
17 following: 'The commissioner may expend grant dollars designated
18 to an applicant in one fiscal year during the following fiscal
19 year.'

22 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 7 and
23 before the summary the following:

24 '**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
25 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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

32 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
33 summary the following:

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38 **FISCAL NOTE**

39 The Board of Agriculture within the Department of
40 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will incur some minor
41 additional costs to develop the required plan. These costs can
42 be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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46 **SUMMARY**

47 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency
48 clause. It provides criteria for allocating grants. It limits
49 the maximum amount of any single grant to \$30,000. It clarifies
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2 that funds designated in one fiscal year may be expended in the
next year. It makes technical corrections to the bill. It also
4 changes the date by which the Board of Agriculture must establish
a long-range plan from November 1, 1998 to January 15, 2000.