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House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

An Act to Provide Preference to Farmers for Disaster Relief.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, KNEELAND of Easton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, O'NEAL of Limestone, STANLEY of Medway, TRACY of Rome, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §744, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:**

6 1-A. Preference to individuals whose primary source of
8 income is from agricultural use of land. In granting financial
10 assistance pursuant to subsection 1, the Governor shall give
12 preference to an individual whose primary source of income is
14 from agricultural use of land over an individual whose primary
16 source of income is not from agricultural use of land.
18 "Agricultural use" means the production of agriculturally related
20 products, including, but not limited to, crops, livestock,
poultry, dairy products and sod.

SUMMARY

18 This bill requires that an individual whose primary source
20 of income is the agricultural use of land receive preference in
receiving disaster relief financial assistance.