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House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

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### **An Act Concerning Blueberry Growing Practices.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIROIS of Caribou.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DESMOND of Mapleton,  
O'NEAL of Limestone, SKOGLUND of St. George, STANLEY of Medway, WHEELER of  
Bridgewater, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9322, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

6 2-A. Exemption for burning blueberry lands.  
8 Notwithstanding sections 9323 and 9325, a permit is not required for burning as a cultivation practice on blueberry lands in the St. John River Valley between Allagash and Caswell.

10 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §9323, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545,  
12 §3, is amended to read:

14 2. Jurisdiction. The Except as provided in section 9322,  
16 subsection 2-A, the requirement for a permit under this section shall-apply applies statewide.

18 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §9325, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1991, c.  
20 36, §4, is amended to read:

22 D. Burning Except as provided in section 9322, subsection  
24 2-A, burning for agricultural purposes including, but not limited to, open burning of blueberry fields, potato tops and hayfields and prescribed burning for timberland management;

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill authorizes burning of blueberry lands in the St. John River Valley without a permit.