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In Senate, December 15, 1999

**An Act to Clarify Granting Authority Under the Agricultural
Development Grant Program.**

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative GOOLEY of Farmington and
Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, Representative: VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §436**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 72, §8, is
4 further amended to read:

6 **§436. Grants for technical assistance and research**

8 The commissioner may use all or a portion of the accrued
10 interest in the cash balance of the Agricultural Marketing Loan
12 Fund and interest portion of loan repayments, up to a maximum of
14 \$250,000 per year, for grants for technical assistance and the
14 agricultural development grant program in chapter 10. The
14 commissioner may expend grant dollars designated to an applicant
14 in one fiscal year during the following fiscal year.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows grants for technical assistance as one
20 category of grants available under the Maine Revised Statutes,
22 Title 7, section 436, which were inadvertently deleted in Public
22 Law 1999, chapter 72.