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119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

Legislative Document

No. 2493

H.P. 1779

House of Representatives, January 13, 2000

**An Act to Provide Funding to Wild Blueberry Growers to Develop
Alternative Water Sources.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 TRACY of Rome.
Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: KNEELAND of Easton, MURPHY of Kennebunk, Speaker ROWE of
Portland, SAXL of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,
KIEFFER of Aroostook, MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Market and Production Development

All Other \$500,000

Provides nonlapsing funds to wild blueberry growers to assist them in obtaining necessary state and federal government permits for the purpose of developing irrigation water sources.

Division of Market and Production Development

All Other \$7,500,000

Provides nonlapsing, cost-share funds to wild blueberry growers to design, develop and construct irrigation water sources. At least 70% of these funds must be invested in watersheds in the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Plan prepared by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Task Force and no more than 30% of these funds may be invested in other watersheds. Funds provided may not exceed 80% of the total cost of a project or \$80,000, whichever is less.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES

TOTAL \$8,000,000

WILD BLUEBERRY COMMISSION OF MAINE

Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine

All Other \$300,000

2 Provides nonlapsing funds to provide
technical assistance through contract
4 services to wild blueberry growers to site
and design alternative water sources.

6	WILD BLUEBERRY COMMISSION OF MAINE	
	TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>
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	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$8,300,000</u>

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides funding to the Department of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Resources and the Wild Blueberry Commission of
Maine to assist wild blueberry growers to develop alternative
water sources.