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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 982, L.D. 2532, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program"

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "When farmland or" and inserting in its place the following: 'When'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "October" and inserting in its place the following: 'November'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "consumers." and inserting in its place the following: 'consumers and restaurants. "Direct marketing" includes, but is not limited to, farmers' markets, farms selling produce picked by the consumer, roadside farm stands, farms selling shares of an anticipated harvest and catalog sales.'

Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated "S436-A." in subsection 2 in the 4th line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$2,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$1,000'

Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated "S436-A." in subsection 2 in the last line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "project." and inserting in its place the following: 'project, whichever is less.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated
3 "~~§436-A.~~" in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 42 in
4 L.D.) by inserting at the end the following: 'If the applicant
5 does not receive a loan under this subchapter, the applicant is
6 not required to pay back funds received for a business plan under
7 this section.'

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9 Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 2 in
10 paragraph C in the 4th line (page 4, line 14 in L.D.) by striking
11 out the following: "purchasing and to" and inserting in its place
12 the following: 'purchasing, to'

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14 Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 2 in
15 paragraph C in the last line (page 4, line 15 in L.D.) by
16 striking out the following: "institution;" and inserting in its
17 place the following: 'institution and to develop policy
18 recommendations and suggest statutory changes pertaining to
19 institutional purchasing of food;'

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21 Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 3 in the
22 2nd line (page 4, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the
23 following: "Agriculture" and inserting in its place the
24 following: 'Agriculture'

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26 Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 3 in the
27 3rd line (page 4, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the
28 following: "Legislature" the following: 'and to the joint
29 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
30 agricultural matters'

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32 Further amend the bill in section 8 in subsection 3 in the
33 last 3 lines (page 4, lines 35 to 37 in L.D.) by striking out all
34 of the last sentence.

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36 Further amend the bill in section 9 in the first line (page
37 4, line 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January
38 2001" and inserting in its place the following: 'January 15,
39 2001'

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41 Further amend the bill in section 9 in the 4th line (page 4,
42 line 42 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Maine" the
43 following: 'and shall submit a report on that strategy to the
44 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
45 over agricultural matters'

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47 Further amend the bill in section 11 by striking out all of
48 the 6th to 8th lines (page 5, lines 24 to 27 in L.D.) and
49 inserting in their place the following:
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2 **Division of Market and
Production Development -
Agricultural Vitality Program**

4 All Other \$20,000'

6 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
8 summary the following:

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 **2000-01**

14 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

16 General Fund \$20,000

18 This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of
20 \$20,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Agriculture,
22 Food and Rural Resources to develop certain data pertaining to
24 food consumption and to facilitate communication between food
buyers and producers.

26 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
incur some minor additional costs to convene a working group and
to submit the required report. These costs can be absorbed
28 within the department's existing budgeted resources.

30 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the
32 Department of Education and the State Planning Office will incur
some minor additional costs to participate in the working group
34 on in-state purchasing of food produced in Maine. These costs
can be absorbed within these agencies' existing budgeted
36 resources.'

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment does the following:

- 42 1. Makes clarifications to the original bill;
- 44 2. Lowers the limit on funds available for developing a
46 business plan;
- 48 3. Reduces the appropriation to one-time funding of \$20,000
for costs associated with developing information and facilitating

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communication between food producers and buyers; and

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4. Adds a fiscal note to the bill.