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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT *A* " to S.P. 227, L.D. 792, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §222, sub-§§5 and 6** are enacted to read:

5. Staff support. Designate an employee of the department to oversee the Maine Agricultural and Internship Training Program; and

6. Report. Report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters no later than March 1st of each odd-numbered year on activities relating to the implementation of this chapter.

**Sec. 4. Commissioner's report.** The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than December 1, 2001 on the implementation of a program to identify individuals interested in farm apprenticeships or in purchasing a farm and to establish a network of information to facilitate farm transfers and any other initiatives relating to the responsibilities of the commissioner under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, chapter 8-B.'

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

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This amendment requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to report biennially to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters on activities relating to the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program. It requires a first report by December 1, 2001 including an update on the implementation of a program to identify individuals interested in farm apprenticeships or in purchasing a farm and to establish a network of information to facilitate farm transfers. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.