

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 227

In Senate, February 13, 2001

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**An Act to Implement the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program.**

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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 "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne and  
Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP of Old  
Town, HAWES of Standish, LANDRY of Patten, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay,  
SKOGLUND of St. George.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §222, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 520, is amended to read:

6 **3. Assistance.** Provide assistance in matching retiring farmers with persons desiring to enter farming and recruit and place interns with farmer-supervisors; and

10 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §222, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §32, is further amended to read:

12 **4. Cooperation.** Cooperate with appropriate local, state and federal agencies and institutions and with farm organizations and interested individuals, including the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the University of Maine and the Cooperative Extension Service, in carrying out this chapter, and

18 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §222, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

20 **5. Staff support.** Designate an employee of the department to oversee the Maine Agricultural and Internship Training Program and recommend an annual budget necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to designate a person within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to oversee the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program.