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House of Representatives, February 20, 2001

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Registration of Farm Trucks
and Require the Secretary of State to Respond to Inquiries from the Public.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, FOSTER of Gray, JODREY of Bethel,
KASPRZAK of Newport, McKENNEY of Cumberland, WHEELER of Bridgewater,
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, TURNER of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §90-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§90-B. Inquiries from public**

8 If the Secretary of State receives an inquiry from a member
10 of the public concerning an issue under the jurisdiction of the
12 Secretary of State, the Secretary of State must send the member
14 of the public a reply directly responsive to the member of the
16 public's inquiry and not just a copy of an agency rule or form
18 letter.

20 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §505, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683,
22 Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

24 **1. Definition.** For purposes of this section, "farm truck"
26 means a truck equipped with axles other than dolly axles under
28 section 1902, subsection 4, or a farm truck towing a trailer or
30 semitrailer when that truck is used primarily for transportation
32 of agricultural commodities, supplies or equipment for or from a
34 farm owned, operated or occupied by the registrant. "Farm truck"
36 includes a truck used for the transportation of landscaping
commodities, supplies or equipment to or from a farm owned,
operated or occupied by the registrant as long as the truck is
not used on a substantially daily delivery schedule on
established routes. "Farm truck" does not include a truck used
for the retail delivery of milk or used on a substantially daily
delivery schedule on established routes.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill allows farmers to use trucks registered as farm
36 trucks to haul landscaping commodities, supplies and equipment to
and from their farms. This bill also requires the Secretary of
State to reply responsively to inquiries from the public.