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120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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No. 1174

H.P. 882

House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

An Act to Legalize Hemp for Agricultural Purposes.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUDLEY of Portland, HAWES of Standish, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SIMPSON of Auburn, THOMAS of Orono, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

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6. Agricultural use of hemp. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning July 1, 2002 a person may possess hemp used for agricultural purposes.

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Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Department of Public Safety shall examine the issue of legalizing the use of hemp for agricultural purposes and shall submit a report with implementing legislation that legalizes the use of hemp for agricultural purposes to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than January 1, 2002.

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SUMMARY

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This bill permits a person to possess hemp used for agricultural purposes beginning July 1, 2002. It requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Department of Public Safety to examine the issue of legalizing the use of hemp for agricultural purposes and to report with implementing legislation that legalizes the use of hemp for agricultural purposes to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than January 1, 2002.