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House of Representatives, March 6, 2002

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing
Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to
Review of the Land for Maine's Future Board Under the Government
Evaluation Act.**

Reported by Representative McKEE for the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955,
subsection 4.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 603, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Baxter State Park Authority in 2003;
- (2) Department of Conservation in 2005;
- (3) Blueberry Advisory Committee in 2005;
- (4) Board of Pesticides Control in 2005;
- (5) Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine in 2005;
- (6) Seed Potato Board in 2005;
- (7) Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council in ~~2001~~ 2007;
- (8) Maine Dairy Promotions Board in ~~2001~~ 2007;
- (9) Maine Milk Commission in ~~2001~~ 2007;
- (10) State Harness Racing Commission in ~~2001~~ 2007;
- (11) Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board in 2003;
- (12) Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in 2003;
- (13) State Soil and Water Conservation Commission in 2003; and
- (14) Land for Maine's Future Board in ~~2001~~ 2007.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2001, c. 466, §1, is further amended to read:

E. On January 1st of every odd-numbered year, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines. This report must include a description of access to land and interest in

2 land acquired during the report period. If an acquisition
3 has been made that does not include guaranteed public
4 vehicular access to the land acquired, the board must
5 provide justification for that acquisition and a plan for
6 continuing efforts to acquire guaranteed public access to
7 the land. This report must include a summary of the board's
8 experience during the reporting period with projects funded
9 pursuant to section 6203 or 6203-A and in which the land or
10 interest in land is acquired by a cooperating entity.

11 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §19**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 415, §2, is
12 amended to read:

13 **§19. Holding of real estate**

14 The commissioner may accept, hold, administer and, retain
15 and dispose of interests in real estate in order to further the
16 purposes of this Title.
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20 **FISCAL NOTE**

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22 Allowing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
23 Resources to dispose of properties may increase undedicated
24 revenues to the General Fund and dedicated revenues collected by
25 the department. The amounts to each funding source will depend
26 on the original source of funding used to purchase the properties
27 and which properties are being disposed of. The amounts can not
28 be determined at this time.

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30 The State Planning Office within the Executive Department
31 will incur some minor additional costs to include certain
32 information in required reports to the Legislature. These costs
33 can be absorbed within the agency's existing budgeted resources.
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36 **SUMMARY**

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38 This bill requires the Land for Maine's Future Board to
39 include in its annual report an update on projects acquired and
40 managed by a cooperating entity. It allows the Commissioner of
41 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to dispose of interest in
42 land. It also establishes dates for the next review of several
43 agencies reviewed during the Second Regular Session of the 120th
44 Legislature under the Government Evaluation Act by the Joint
45 Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.
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