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House of Representatives, January 13, 2005

**An Act To Appropriate State Funds To Protect Potato Farmland in
Aroostook County from Blight and Other Diseases That Could
Occur with the 2004 Crop Unless Cull Potatoes Are Dumped
Properly**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FINCH of Fairfield, JACKSON of Fort Kent,
JENNINGS of Leeds, PILON of Saco, PINEAU of Jay, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator:
DIAMOND of Cumberland.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas.** Acts of the Legislature do not
 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
 as emergencies; and

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 6 **Whereas,** it is important that potatoes that are rotting due
 to poor weather during the harvest in 2004 be disposed of as soon
 as possible; and

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 10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
 10 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
 12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
 safety; now, therefore,

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

16 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
 18 appropriations and allocations are made.

20 **MAINE POTATO BOARD**

22 **Potato Board 0429**

24 Initiative: Appropriates funds to purchase from farmers table
 26 stock potatoes that are rotting due to poor weather during the
 harvest in 2004 and are in need of disposal at the rate of \$1.50
 per hundredweight.

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GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$750,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$750,000	<hr/> \$0

34 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill appropriates state funds to protect potato
 42 farmland in Aroostook County from blight and other diseases by
 disposing of cull potatoes properly.