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House of Representatives, January 18, 2005

An Act To Make Revisions to the Laws Governing Agriculture

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, FLOOD of Winthrop, JENNINGS of Leeds, JODREY of
Bethel, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: RAYE of Washington.

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

4 **PART A**

6 **Sec. A-1. 7 MRSA §301**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 532, §2, is repealed.

8 **Sec. A-2. 7 MRSA §331**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 435, §3, is repealed.

10 **Sec. A-3. 7 MRSA §431**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 563, §2, is repealed.

12 **Sec. A-4. 7 MRSA §603**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 382, §3, is repealed.

14 **Sec. A-5. 7 MRSA §971**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 513, §7, is repealed.

16 **Sec. A-6. 7 MRSA §1031**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 99, §1, is repealed.

22 **PART B**

24 **Sec. B-1. 7 MRSA §17, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 541, is amended to read:

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28 In addition to duties expressly authorized in this Title, the commissioner may, upon complaint or for other reasonable cause, investigate any farm operation, method or practice with respect to animal waste ~~within the watersheds of bodies of water as designated in the Department of Environmental Protection's report known as the "State Continuing Planning Process" pursuant to Title III, section 303(e) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Amendments of 1972~~ in order to determine whether such operation, method or practice may have an adverse effect upon waters of the State as defined in Title 38, section 361-A, subsection 7.

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36 **Sec. B-2. 7 MRSA §4204, sub-§1-A. ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. B, §25 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is repealed.

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42 **SUMMARY**

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46 This bill makes several changes to the law that were identified as necessary during the preliminary work on the recodification of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7.

2 Part A of this bill eliminates unnecessary findings and
purposes sections. Part B of this bill corrects an obsolete
reference and eliminates a duplicative provision.