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Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Establish Rules Concerning Certified Organic Seed

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAY of Palmyra.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, EMERY of Cutler, GIFFORD of Lincoln, MAREAN of Hollis, PRATT of Eddington, TARDY of Newport, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley.

**Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall establish rules for the registration and verification by a 3rd party of seed labeled or sold as organic or grown as a crop to be certified organic, or both, to ensure that the seed is free of genetically engineered materials. The commissioner is authorized to charge a fee for the testing services. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

8 SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish rules concerning certified organic seed. Rules established pursuant to this resolve are major substantive rules.