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Report A

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
124TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 827, L.D. 1202, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Farmer's Rights in an Investigation of Intellectual Property Theft of Genetically Engineered Material"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding the Use of Genetically Engineered Plants'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 2. Adoption of rules to maintain the integrity of crops.** The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall provisionally adopt rules as required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 1054 and submit the rules to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council no later than December 15, 2009 for review as major substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The rules must require a person planning to grow a genetically engineered crop to select fields and cultivate the crop in a manner that maintains the integrity of all crops and minimizes potential conflicts between farmers.'

SUMMARY

This committee amendment is the majority report and strikes everything in the bill except the provisions requiring the manufacturer of genetically engineered plants, plant parts or seeds to provide written instructions to a grower that includes the identity, relevant traits or characteristics of the genetically engineered plant and requirements for its safe handling, storage, transport and use. This amendment also directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provisionally adopt major substantive rules requiring a person planning to grow a genetically engineered crop to select fields and cultivate the crop in a manner that maintains the integrity of all crops and minimizes potential conflicts between farmers and submit the rules to the Executive

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Director of the Legislative Council by no later than December 15, 2009 for review in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1202

LR 931(02)

## An Act To Establish a Farmer's Rights in an Investigation of Intellectual Property Theft of Genetically Engineered Material

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources associated with rulemaking can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.