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An Act To Require Vegetable Gardens at State Prisons

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative McFADDEN of Dennysville. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, LONG of Sherman.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3014** is enacted to read:

3 **§3014. Vegetable gardens**

4 A correctional or detention facility operated by the department that has available
5 space on its grounds shall establish a vegetable garden for food to be used by the
6 department for feeding prisoners in that facility and other facilities operated by the
7 department. The prisoners of the facility shall maintain the vegetable garden for the
8 facility. The commissioner may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section.
9 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
10 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires each correctional and detention facility operated by the Department
13 of Corrections to establish a vegetable garden on its grounds to feed and be maintained by
14 the prisoners.