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3	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY
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5	STATE OF MAINE
6	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7	126TH LEGISLATURE
8.	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 325, L.D. 475, Bill, "An Act To Increase Food Sovereignty in Local Communities"
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:
13	'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 8-F is enacted to read:
14	CHAPTER 8-F
15	THE MAINE FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ACT OF 2013
16	§261. Short title
17	This chapter may be known and cited as "the Maine Food Sovereignty Act of 2013."
18	§262. Statement of policy
19 20	It is the policy of this State to encourage food self-sufficiency for the citizens of the State. The purposes of this chapter are to:
21 22	1. Local control. Preserve the ability of local communities to produce, process, sell, purchase and consume locally produced foods;
23 24	2. Small-scale farming and food production. Ensure the preservation of family farms and traditional food ways;
25 26 27 28	3. Improved health and well-being. Improve the health and well-being of the people of the State, reduce hunger and increase food security with improved access to wholesome, nutritious and safe foods by supporting family farms and encouraging sustainable agricultural practices;
29 30 31 32	4. Independence and personal responsibility. Encourage independence and personal responsibility and ensure the unimpeded ability of individuals, families and other entities to prepare, process, advertise and sell foods intended solely for consumption by the patrons or their families and sell foods directly to these patrons; and

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1 2	5. Rural economic development. Enhance the economic, environmental and social wealth of rural communities.
3	§263. Authority
4	Pursuant to the home rule authority granted to municipalities by Title 30-A, section
5	3001 and by the Constitution of Maine, Article VIII, Part Second, and notwithstanding
6 7	any other provision of law to the contrary, local government may regulate food systems by local ordinance.'
8	SUMMARY
9	This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the concept
10	draft. The amendment establishes the Maine Food Sovereignty Act of 2013 to encourage
11	food self-sufficiency. The amendment states that the purposes of the Act are to preserve
12	the ability of local communities to produce, process, sell and purchase locally produced
13	foods, to ensure the preservation of family farms, to reduce hunger and increase food
14	security and to enhance the economic, environmental and social wealth of rural
15	communities. The amendment authorizes local governments to regulate food systems by

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local ordinance.