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**5. Rural economic development. Enhance the economic, environmental and social wealth of rural communities.**

**§263. Authority**

Pursuant to the home rule authority granted to municipalities by Title 30-A, section 3001 and by the Constitution of Maine, Article VIII, Part Second, and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, local government may regulate food systems by local ordinance.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the concept draft. The amendment establishes the Maine Food Sovereignty Act of 2013 to encourage food self-sufficiency. The amendment states that the purposes of the Act are to preserve the ability of local communities to produce, process, sell and purchase locally produced foods, to ensure the preservation of family farms, to reduce hunger and increase food security and to enhance the economic, environmental and social wealth of rural communities. The amendment authorizes local governments to regulate food systems by local ordinance.