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H.P. 605

House of Representatives, March 7, 2017

**An Act To Extend the Germination Testing Period for Cool-weather
Lawn and Turf Seed from 9 to 15 Months**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LYFORD of Eddington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft,
STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1044, sub-§1, ¶A** is amended to read:

3 A. Unless the test to determine the percentage of germination required by section
4 1043 ~~shall have~~ has been completed within a 9-month period, exclusive of the
5 calendar month in which the test was completed, immediately prior to sale, exposure
6 for sale or offering for sale or transportation except that, with regard to cool-weather
7 lawn and turf seed, that test must have been completed within a 15-month period
8 pursuant to this paragraph. As used in this paragraph, "cool-weather lawn and turf
9 seed" includes Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue, Chewing's fescue, hard fescue, tall
10 fescue, perennial ryegrass, intermediate ryegrass, annual ryegrass, colonial bentgrass
11 and creeping bentgrass;

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill extends from 9 months to 15 months the time within which the percentage of
14 germination test described under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 1043 must
15 have been performed on cool-weather lawn and turf seed in order for that seed to be sold.
16 "Cool-weather lawn and turf seed" is defined to include Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue,
17 Chewing's fescue, hard fescue, tall fescue, perennial ryegrass, intermediate ryegrass,
18 annual ryegrass, colonial bentgrass and creeping bentgrass.