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In Senate, December 5, 2025

An Act to Exclude Agricultural Leases from the Definition of "Subdivision" Under the Planning and Land Use Regulation Laws

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BLACK of Franklin, CURRY of Waldo, HICKMAN of Kennebec, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4401, sub-§4, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. "Subdivision" does not include the lease of a tract or parcel of land or a portion of a tract or parcel of land that is used primarily for farming or ranching as defined in Title 7, section 251, subsection 4 and that does not convey fee simple ownership or allow for the construction of permanent residential dwellings other than housing for migrant or seasonal farm workers.

SUMMARY

This bill excludes from the definition of "subdivision" under the planning and land use regulation laws a lease of a tract or parcel of land or a portion of a tract or parcel of land that is used primarily for farming or ranching and that does not convey fee simple ownership or allow for the construction of permanent residential dwellings other than housing for migrant or seasonal farm workers.