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marketing, storage and processing of agricultural commodities.

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CHAPTER 65

H.P. 198 - L.D. 289

An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Provide Technical Services for Direct-marketing Agricultural Products

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §412, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779, §33, is further amended to read:

The commissioner shall research and prepare information designed to develop and promote direct-marketing. The commissioner shall consult with the farm community, with the faculty of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture of the University of Maine System, and with the various county extension agents in compiling information under this section. The information ~~shall~~ must include, but not be limited to, the following:

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §414, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779, §34, is further amended to read:

§414. Assistance

The commissioner shall assist and advise individual farmers or groups of farmers in their efforts to market more effectively directly to consumers by:

1. Soliciting participation. Informing farmers of, and soliciting their participation in, any proposed method of direct-marketing; and

~~**2. Technical assistance.** Providing technical assistance in such areas as lease and contract negotiation; and~~

3. Referral. Referring farmers to other appropriate sources of assistance, ~~such as the University of Maine System, College of Agriculture, the county extension offices and the United States Department of Agriculture.~~

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CHAPTER 66
S.P. 170 - L.D. 438

An Act To Add Trailers to the Additional Versions or Classes of a Specialty Plate

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §468, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2011, c. 356, §5, is further amended to read:

10. Additional versions or classes of the specialty plate. The Secretary of State may issue a specialty plate in a motorcycle, trailer or commercial vehicle class if:

A. At least 10,000 sets of the specialty plate have been issued for automobiles and pickup trucks;

B. The sponsor of the specialty plate under this subsection provides a list of 500 names, dated signatures and current plate numbers of supporters who have signed a statement declaring they intend to purchase and display the motorcycle, trailer or commercial vehicle class of specialty license plate; and

C. The sponsor collects from each supporter who signs the statement under paragraph B a contribution of \$25 for each set of plates and provides to the Secretary of State the sum of these contributions in the amount of \$12,500, which is nonrefundable.

Upon receipt of the \$12,500 provided under paragraph C, the Secretary of State shall prepare enabling legislation and a proposed plate design for submission to the Legislature and shall deposit the \$12,500 in the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

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CHAPTER 67
S.P. 111 - L.D. 278

An Act To Provide Greater Access to Capital for Certain Businesses through Assignment of Benefits under the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program and the Maine Employment Tax Increment Financing Program