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CHAPTER 435
H.P. 252 - L.D. 377

**An Act To Provide Funding to
Soil and Water Conservation
Districts**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.
The following appropriations and allocations are
made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**
**Division of Agricultural Resource Development
0833**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for soil and water
conservation districts.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 436
H.P. 490 - L.D. 718

**An Act To Protect Maine Food
Consumers' Right To Know
about Genetically Engineered
Food**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 565 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 565
GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PRODUCTS

§2591. Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to:

1. Public health and food safety. Promote food
safety and protect public health by enabling consumers
to avoid the potential risks associated with genetically

engineered foods and serve as a risk management tool
enabling consumers, physicians and scientists to iden-
tify unintended health effects resulting from the con-
sumption of genetically engineered foods;

2. Environmental impacts. Assist consumers
who are concerned about the potential effects of ge-
netic engineering on the environment to make in-
formed purchasing decisions;

**3. Consumer confusion and inadvertent decep-
tion.** Reduce and prevent consumer confusion and
inadvertent deception and promote the disclosure of
factual information on food labels to allow consumers
to make informed decisions;

4. Promote economic development. Create ad-
ditional market opportunities for those producers who
are not certified organic producers and whose products
are not produced using genetic engineering and enable
consumers to make informed purchasing decisions;
and

5. Protect religious and cultural practices. En-
sure consumers are provided with data from which
they may make informed decisions for personal, reli-
gious, moral, cultural or ethical reasons.

§2592. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context other-
wise indicates, the following terms have the following
meanings.

1. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the
Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and For-
estry.

2. Food. "Food" means food intended for human
consumption.

3. Genetically engineered. "Genetically engi-
neered" has the same meaning as under Title 7, section
1051, subsection 2.

4. Medical food. "Medical food" means food
prescribed by a physician for treatment of a medical
condition.

**§2593. Disclosure requirements for genetically en-
gineered food**

1. Disclosure. Beginning 18 months after the ef-
fective date of this section, any food offered for retail
sale that is genetically engineered must be accompa-
nied by a conspicuous disclosure that states "Produced
with Genetic Engineering." The statement must be
located on the package for all packaged food or, in the