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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 198, L.D. 289, Bill, “An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Provide Technical Services for Direct-marketing Agricultural Products”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

**'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:'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §414 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 11 to 13 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'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.'~~

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the unanimous report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It removes from the laws regarding the direct-marketing of agricultural commodities references to the University of Maine System and the College of Agriculture as sources of assistance to which the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may refer farmers or groups of farmers seeking marketing assistance. It also updates the name of the College of Agriculture of the

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1 University of Maine System to the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture  
2 of the University of Maine throughout the Maine Revised Statutes.