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Resolve, Directing the Study of a Potato Variety Demonstrating Resistance to the Colorado Potato Beetle

Sec. 1 Potato variety to be studied. Resolved: That the Maine Potato Breeding Program established at the University of Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the breeding program," shall determine the genetic integrity of the potato variety known as the "Shaw Potato." If the Director of the Maine Potato Breeding Program, referred to in this resolve as "the director," determines that the potato does not contain any proprietary material, the director shall work with the Maine Potato Board to develop a plan for the study of the Shaw Potato, its resistance to the Colorado potato beetle and its suitability for commercial production.

Before beginning the study, the director, in cooperation with the Maine State Grange, shall obtain the plant material to be studied and the written approval of the developer of the potato variety to proceed with the study; and be it further

Sec. 2 Funding. Resolved: That funding sources for the study include existing funds available to the breeding program from the Maine Potato Board, federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture and grants; and be it further

Sec. 3 Report. Resolved: That the Maine Potato Board shall submit a copy of the study plan under section 1 and provide a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and to the Maine State Grange no later than December 15, 2009.