

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

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H.P. 605 - L.D. 856

**An Act To Extend the Germination Testing Period for Cool-weather Lawn  
and Turf Seed from 9 to 15 Months**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1044, sub-§1, ¶A** is amended to read:

A. Unless the test to determine the percentage of germination required by section 1043 ~~shall have~~ has been completed within a 9-month period, exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed, immediately prior to sale, exposure for sale or offering for sale or transportation except that, with regard to cool-weather lawn and turf seed, that test must have been completed within a 15-month period pursuant to this paragraph. As used in this paragraph, "cool-weather lawn and turf seed" includes Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue, Chewing's fescue, hard fescue, tall fescue, perennial ryegrass, intermediate ryegrass, annual ryegrass, colonial bentgrass and creeping bentgrass;