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House of Representatives, January 17, 2017

An Act To Strengthen the Farm and Open Space Tax Law

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals. Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BATTLE of South Portland, DEVIN of Newcastle, HICKMAN of Winthrop.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1109, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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1-A. Additions to existing farmland acreage. An owner of farmland subject to
taxation under this subchapter may add contiguous acreage to acreage previously
classified as farmland under this subchapter if the owner demonstrates to the assessor that
the acreage to be added separately meets the definition of "farmland" under section 1102,
subsection 4 apart from the classified acreage to which it is to be added.

## **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that a landowner with acreage classified under the farm and open 10 space tax law who wishes to add contiguous acreage to a previously classified acreage 11 must demonstrate to the assessor that the additional acreage separately meets the 12 definition of "farmland" that is eligible for classification.