

## CHAPTER 411

### CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF POTATO PESTS AND DISEASES

#### §2351. Legislative intent

The Legislature finds that the potato industry contributes significantly to the social and economic well-being of the people of the State and that the control and eradication of pests and diseases which threaten the viability of the industry must remain a high priority in the formulation of public policy. [PL 1983, c. 565, §8 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1983, c. 565, §8 (NEW).

#### §2352. Responsibility of the commissioner

The commissioner may institute such pest control survey programs as the commissioner considers essential to the welfare of the industry. The commissioner may, in conjunction with the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, and other public and private agencies, and in a manner consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, designate by rule those potato pests and diseases that pose a threat to the Maine potato industry, and by rule provide for the inspection, seizure, destruction or other deposition of any seed, plant, culls or other materials within the State whenever the commissioner finds such materials to be infested, or are reasonably believed to be infested, with any designated pest or disease, and further provide for the disinfection of any vehicle or other conveyance so infested. [RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §135 (COR).]

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