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S.P. 854	In Senate, March 19, 1984
printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Senato Senator Erwin of Oxford, Representat Representative McGowan of Pittsfield	om the Committee on Agriculture and or Bustin of Kennebec. Cosponsored by ative Hall of Sangerville and d. OY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
STATE	OF MAINE
	R OF OUR LORD D AND EIGHTY-FOUR
of Cattle to Insure O	or Tuberculin Testing ut-of-State Markets for ine.
Be it enacted by the Peop follows:	le of the State of Maine as
Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1753	-A is enacted to read:
§1753-A. Tuberculin test	ing
for tuberculosis be admin the producer, on all markets where annual tube	Maine farms when milk enters rculin tests are mandated by Costs for annual tuberculin
of \$1.50 per head.	Sharr not exceed the price

1 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are 2 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the 3 purposes of this Act.

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5 <u>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL</u> 6 <u>RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>

7 All Other

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\$84,000

8 Sec. 3. Effective date. The effective date of
9 this Act is January 1, 1985.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Marketing conditions in the dairy industry 11 are changing rapidly, especially in states which have un-12 13 regulated markets. Maine milk producers which sell 14 to West Lynn Creamery are expected to have their milking animals tested annually for tuberculosis in 15 16 order to meet health regulations imposed by the State 17 of Connecticut. There is substantial reason to an-18 ticipate that testing requirements may have to be ex-19 tended to all dairy farms in Maine which ship milk 20 out of the State, even though efforts are being made 21 to negotiate with Connecticut officials about 22 relaxing the strict testing requirements.

23 Meanwhile, Vermont, which is a major seller of 24 milk to the Connecticut market, provides annual tu-25 berculin tests free of charge to their dairy farms, 26 limiting the effect of this trade restriction. This 27 bill would obligate the State of Maine to provide the 28 same support, placing Maine producers on a more equal 29 footing with competitors.

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