

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 245

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7 H.P. 211

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Jacques of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator Hichens of York and Senator Tuttle of York.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT Concerning Minimum Wholesale Prices  
18 under the Maine Milk Commission Law.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 7 MRSA §2954, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

23 10. Discrimination among retailers. In no event  
24 may a minimum wholesale price discriminate between  
25 size or type of retail store.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The Maine Milk Commission proposes to provide a minimum wholesale price which discriminates between large and small retail stores even within the same market area. While this is allegedly based upon differences in cost of distribution, the difference in cost is based solely upon number of cases delivered and not on any other factors such as distance from the dairy, availability of transportation facilities and size of vehicle. The purpose of this change in the law is to require that all retailers in the same market area be subject to the same minimum wholesale price so that the convenience to the consumer of the small store will not be destroyed by an oppressive price differential.

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