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L.D. 2172

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6	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY			
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20	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to Act to Provide for the Licensing	S.P. 802, L.D. 2172, Bill, "An of Farmstead Cheese"		
22	Amend the bill by striking the following:	out the title and substituting		
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26	'An Act to Provide for the Licen Farmstead Cheese'	sing, Inspection and Labeling of		
28 30	Further amend the bill by s enacting clause and before the su the following:	triking out everything after the mmary and inserting in its place		
32	Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2901, sub-§8-1	D is enacted to read:		
34	8-D. Farmstead cheese.	Farmstead cheese" means cheese		
	that is manufactured within the S			
36	same farm on which the milk is	produced from milk that is heat		
38	treated but is not pasteurized.			
30	Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2904-A is ena-	cted to read:		
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	§2904-A. Farmstead cheese			
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44	of farmstead cheese using the	ent shall inspect the processing		
	other cheeses.	game geamatras asea co impreso		
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		may not sell farmstead cheese		
48	unless licensed in accordance wi			
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2	3. Labeling. The department shall establish rules for the
	labeling of farmstead cheese. Rules adopted pursuant to this
4	subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
	chapter 375, subchapter II-A.
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	4. Sale restrictions. Farmstead cheese may only be sold
8	from the farm where it is produced and through farm stands and
	farmers' markets, as defined in section 415.
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	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
12	summary the following:
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• -	FISCAL NOTE
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	The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
18	incur some minor additional costs to administer certain
20	regulatory responsibilities and to develop certain rules. These
20	costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
22	resources.
۷ ۷	The collection of fees from the licensure of farmstead
24	cheese producers will result in insignificant increases of
	General Fund revenue.
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	The additional workload and administrative costs associated
28	with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
	can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicia.
30	Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
	General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'
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34	SUMMARY

36 This amendment replaces the original bill and requires the inspection of farmstead cheese and the licensing of farmstead 38 cheese producers by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. It also provides for the limited sale of these 40 The amendment authorizes the department to establish rules for the labeling of farmstead cheese.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.