

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 802

In Senate, January 26, 1998

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### An Act to Provide for the Licensing of Farmstead Cheese.

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and  
Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representative: VOLENIK of Brooklin.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2901, sub-§8-D is enacted to read:

6 8-D. Farmstead cheese. "Farmstead cheese" means goat  
cheese that is heat treated.

8 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2904-A is enacted to read:

10 §2904-A. Farmstead cheese

12 1. Inspection. The department shall inspect the processing  
of farmstead cheese using the same standards that the department  
uses to inspect other cheese.

16 2. Labeling; licensing standards. The department shall  
establish rules for the labeling and licensing of farmstead  
cheese. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine  
technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
II-A.

22 3. Sale restrictions. Farmstead cheese may only be sold  
through farmers' markets and farm stands that are licensed  
pursuant to rules adopted by the department.

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires that the production of farmstead cheese  
32 be licensed. The bill also requires the inspection and labeling  
34 of the cheese by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
Resources. It also provides for the limited sale of the  
product. The bill authorizes the department to establish rules  
for the licensing, inspection and labeling of farmstead cheese.