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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 832, L.D. 1257, "An Act Regarding Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food Products"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Ban the Sale of Cell-cultured Meat'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2163-A is enacted to read:

§2163-A. Sale of cell-cultured meat prohibited

1. Prohibition. A person within the State may not transport, receive for transportation, sell or offer for sale or distribution any cell-cultured meat or products containing cell-cultured meat or serve, expose or offer for sale or distribution, either in any public place or elsewhere, any cell-cultured meat or products containing cell-cultured meat. For purposes of this section, "cell-cultured meat" means any meat or food product produced from cultured animal cells.

2. Inspection. The commissioner shall by adequate inspection see that the requirements of this section are carried out.

3. Penalties. A person that violates any provision of this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense and a fine of not more than \$200 for each subsequent offense must be adjudged. The District Court and Superior Court have concurrent jurisdiction of the offense.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment bans the sale or distribution of cell-cultured meat. The amendment defines cell-cultured meat as any meat or food product produced from cultured animal cells.

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1 The amendment provides that a person who violates the ban on the sale or distribution of
2 cell-cultured meat commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 for the
3 first offense and a fine of not more than \$200 for each subsequent offense must be
4 adjudged.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 (See attached)



Approved: 05/22/25 **LRL**

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LD 1257

LR 2196(02)

An Act Regarding Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food Products

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-348)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.