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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 515 House of Representatives, February 9, 1971 Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Charges for Transporting Milk.

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

R. S., T. 7, § 2954, amended. The 9th paragraph of section 2954 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 245 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

It shall be incumbent upon the dealer to substantiate the reasonableness of the schedule of the transportation charges filed; and in the absence of said evidence, the schedule of charges filed shall be deemed unreasonable.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The above amendment is intended to demonstrate clearly that the burden of proving the reasonableness of the charges deducted for transporting milk from a producer's farm to a dealer's dairy plant shall fall upon the dealer making said deduction.