

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Federal and State Standards and Labeling of Milk and Milk Products.**

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

**R. S., T. 7, § 2901-A, additional.** Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2901-A, to read as follows:

**§ 2901-A. Standards and labeling**

Notwithstanding any other requirements of this chapter, milk and milk products, defined in accordance with standards then in effect which have been adopted by the United States Government and labeled in conformity with labeling requirements then in effect which have been adopted by the United States Government, shall be deemed to conform with the definitions and labeling requirements set forth in this chapter; except that containers of milk and cream shall also bear the name and address of the Maine licensed milk dealer and sufficient information to identify the milk plant where packaged as required by section 2903.

STATEMENT OF FACT

I. The United States Government is accelerating its activity in the promulgation and adoption of standards of identity definition and labeling for milk products which are or may be in conflict with state standards for these products.

2. The extent and depth of this activity cannot be accurately predicted at this time.

3. This legislation is for the purpose of recognizing as equals federal and state standards of identity definition and labeling so that Maine milk products meeting federal standards of identity and labeling can be sold inside or outside of this State as rapidly as federal standards are adopted, without waiting for the 2-year legislative action which would otherwise be necessary.