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## ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 384

S. P. 143

In Senate, February 10, 1977
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

#### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

### AN ACT Relating to Adoption of Regulations for Maine Meat Inspection Act.

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

22 MRSA § 2553, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 464, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The commissioner shall adopt and make official the regulations and amendments thereto of the United States Department of Agriculture Federal Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907, 34 Stat. 1620, as amended by the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967, Stat. (21 U.S.C., sec. 601 et seq.) as they are pertinent and applicable to this chapter.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the adoption of the regulations and amendments thereto of the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, so that the Maine Meat Act Inspection Program of the Maine Department of Agriculture will continue to be equal to the federal program as mandated by the Federal Meat Inspection Act. Adoption of regulations in this manner will save laborious and expensive composing and reproduction costs as well as repetitive promulgative action to adopt amendments.