

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 667**

H. P. 589

House of Representatives, February 5, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mahany of Easton.

Cosponsor: Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Marking of Glassware.**

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

**10 MRSA § 2955**, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, § 98, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§ 2955. Marking of glassware**

**All bottles, pipetts and other measuring glassware used to determine the value of milk and cream received from producers shall meet the specifications of the National Bureau of Standards.**

**No person may use any sulfuric acid of less than 1.82 of specific gravity tested at 60° Fahrenheit, in the Babcock test for the purpose of measuring the milkfat contents in milk or cream as a basis for apportioning the value of the milk or cream.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

Present law requires that all glassware used to determine the value of milk and cream received from producers be marked for accuracy by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station. Essentially, this procedure guaranteed the

glassware as received from the manufacturer was accurate. However, this checking has proved costly and time-consuming. Few calibration errors have been revealed through this review process. Therefore, this bill proposes that glassware still be required to meet specifications of the National Bureau of Standards, but removes the requirement that it be checked by the Experiment Station.