

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

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7 S.P. 322

In Senate, March 3, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence  
9 and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.

Cosponsors: Senator Wood of York, Representative Crouse of Washburn  
and Representative Michael of Auburn.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Numerical Whole  
18 Life Factor to be Placed Voluntarily on Food  
19 Items Sold at the Retail Level in Maine.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2152, sub-§7-B is enacted to  
24 read:

25 7-B. Numerical whole life factor. "Numerical  
26 whole life factor" means a single number assigned to  
27 a food product which reflects the labor intensity,  
28 energy consumption and resource use and depletion  
29 involved in harvesting, processing, packaging, trans-  
30 porting and distributing a food item to retail food  
31 buyers. The whole life factor, expressed as a 1-100%  
32 index, measures the relative costs to the ecosystem  
33 in producing various food products.

