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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

No. 1498

7 H.P. 1132

House of Representatives, April 19, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McCollister of Canton.

11 Cosponsors: Senator Teague of Somerset and Representative Michael of
Auburn.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Labeling of
18 Milk Containers.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 7 MRSA §2901-A as enacted by PL 1973, c. 67 is
23 amended to read:

24 §2901-A. Standards and labeling

25 Notwithstanding any other requirements of this
26 chapter, milk and milk products, defined in accordance with standards then in effect which have been
27 adopted by the United States Government and labeled
28 in conformity with labeling requirements then in
29 effect which have been adopted by the United States
30 Government, shall be deemed to conform with the definitions and labeling requirements set forth in this
31 chapter; except that containers of milk and cream
32 shall also bear the name and address of the Maine ~~ii-~~
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1 ensed milk dealer and sufficient information to
2 identify the milk plant where packaged as required by
3 section 2903 milk plant where packaged. Following
4 the consolidation or closing of one or more milk
5 plants, a 60-day period shall be allowed for the
6 printing of labels to comply with this section.
7 During that 60-day period, the identification number
8 of the processing plant may be used instead of the
9 name and address required by this section.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This bill amends the milk labeling law by requir-
12 ing that containers of milk and cream sold in the
13 State bear the name and address of the milk plant
14 where the milk is packaged. Under present law only a
15 plant identification number is required. While it is
16 possible for Maine consumers to translate a plant
17 identification number into plant name and address,
18 thereby learning where the milk and cream they con-
19 sume are packaged, in practice, it is a burdensome
20 process which discourages most consumers. This bill
21 will have no significant effect on state revenue or
22 expenditures.

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