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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2079

S.P. 766

In Senate, February 13, 1984

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture. Ordered printed and sent down for concurrence.

Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsors: Senator Erwin of Oxford, Representative Hall of Sangerville and Representative McGowan of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Tuberculin Testing
of Cattle to Insure Out-of-State Markets for
Maine.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, expanded market opportunities for Maine milk promote the health of the dairy industry and the economic strength of the State; and

Whereas, certain states may require annual tuberculin tests on dairy animals which produce milk for sale in their states to prevent milk from infected cows from entering their states; and

Whereas, the test requirement imposed upon Maine milk producers selling to out-of-state markets involves an additional and recurring expense; and

1 dairy animals tested annually for tuberculosis in or-
2 der to meet health requirements imposed by the State
3 of Connecticut. This is a health certification re-
4 quirement imposed by regulation for disease control.
5 Vermont, which is a major seller of milk to the Con-
6 necticut market, provides annual tuberculin tests
7 free of charge to their dairy farms. This bill would
8 obligate the State of Maine to provide the same ser-
9 vice, placing Maine producers on a more equal footing
10 with competitors.

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