

1	(EMERGENCY)
2 3	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4 5	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
6 7	Legislative Document No. 2079
8	S.P. 766 In Senate, February 13, 1984
9	Reference to the Committee on Agriculture. Ordered printed and sent
10	down for concurrence. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
11	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.
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15	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16	NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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18	AN ACT to Provide for Tuberculin Testing
19	of Cattle to Insure Out-of-State Markets for
20 21	Maine.
22	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
23 24	lature do not become effective until 90 days after
24	adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
25	Whereas, expanded market opportunities for Maine
26	milk promote the health of the dairy industry and the
27	economic strength of the State; and
28	Whereas, certain states may require annual tuber-
29	culin tests on dairy animals which produce milk for
30 31	sale in their states to prevent milk from infected cows from entering their states; and
32	Whereas, the test requirement imposed upon Maine
33	milk producers selling to out-of-state markets in-
34	volves an additional and recurring expense; and

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1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, 2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following 4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 6 therefore,

7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 8 follows:

9 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1753-A is enacted to read:

10 §1753-A. Tuberculin testing

11. The commissioner shall require that annual tests for tuberculosis be administered, free of charge to 12 13 the producer, on all Maine farms which offer for sale 14 milk entering those out-of-state markets where annual tuberculin tests are mandated by state law or regula-15 tion for health reasons. Costs for annual tuberculin 16 17 tests on all dairy animals located on these Maine farms shall be borne wholly by this State. 18

19 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are 20 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the 21 purposes of this Act.

- 1983-84 1984-85
- 23 AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL 24 RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF
- 25 All Other

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26 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited 27 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-28 proved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

30 Marketing conditions in the dairy industry are 31 changing rapidly, especially in states which have un-32 regulated markets. Maine milk producers which sell 33 to West Lynn Creamery are now expected to have their

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

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