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

No. 2245

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7 H.P. 1687

House of Representatives, March 15, 1984

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: Representative McGowan of Pittsfield and Representative
Sherburne of Dexter.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Labeling of Milk
18 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 accord-
27 ance with standards then in effect which have been
28 adopted by the United States Government and labeled
29 in conformity with labeling requirements then in ef-
30 fect which have been adopted by the United States
31 Government, shall be deemed to conform with the defi-
32 nitions and labeling requirements set forth in this
33 chapter; except that containers of milk and cream
34 shall also bear the name and address of the Maine li-

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 the
4 consolidation or closing of one or more milk plants,
5 a 60-day period shall be allowed for the printing of
6 labels to comply with this section. During that
7 60-day period, the identification number of the pro-
8 cessing plant may be used instead of the name and ad-
9 dress required by this section.

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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 has no significant effect on state revenue or expend-
22 itures.

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