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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1804, L.D. 2378,
8 Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Quality of Milk."

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

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'Sec. 4. 7 MRSa §2903-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 574, §2, is amended to read:

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B. If a milk dealer's refusal to continue to purchase milk is based on failure of the producer's milk to meet the milk dealer's quality criteria or the Interstate Milk Shipments Conference Standards, whichever is applicable, the refusal may become effective on less than 30 days' notice. Quality criteria established by the dealer purchasing milk shall not be determined by minimum levels for milk solids and milk fat set in section 2901, subsection 17. Upon issuance of notice of intent to refuse purchase because of failure to meet the criteria or standards, the dealer shall cause a sample of the refused milk to be taken immediately and transferred to the commissioner for testing in the state central laboratory. Upon receipt of the test results that the sample does not meet the milk dealer's quality criteria or the Interstate Milk Shipments Conference Standards, whichever is applicable, refusal to continue to purchase shall become effective immediately. Notice shall be given to the producer by the dealer immediately upon his receipt of the test results. The state central laboratory shall mail the results of the test to the milk dealer and milk producer.'

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Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-

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1 tions to read consecutively.

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 This amendment specifies that milk dealers cannot
4 justify a refusal to continue to purchase milk from
5 milk producers upon quality criteria which are deter-
6 mined by minimum levels for milk solids and milk fat
7 established by Maine law.

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