

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 1994

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7 S.P. 793

In Senate, February 7, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

9 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered  
printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Perkins of Hancock.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Gauvreau of Androscoggin, Representative  
Nelson of Portland and Representative Pines of Limestone.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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17 AN ACT Relating to Use of Sulfite as a Food  
18 Preservative.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 7 MRSA c. 103, sub-c. XIII is enacted to read:

23 SUBCHAPTER XIII

24 SULFITES

25 §1086. Definition

26 For purposes of this subchapter, "sulfite" means  
27 sulfur dioxide, sodium sulfite, sodium bisulfite, po-  
28 tassium bisulfite, sodium metabisulfite or potassium  
29 metabisulfite which is added to food to prevent or  
30 retard the deterioration of that food.

31 §1087. Labeling

1 No person may sell, offer for sale or serve in  
2 any retail store, hotel, restaurant or other public  
3 eating place any food or food product, whether or not  
4 in package form, containing any sulfite unless:

5 1. Packaged. The package in which that food or  
6 food product is offered for sale conspicuously bears  
7 a label or stamp indicating that the food or food  
8 product contains sulfite; or

9 2. Nonpackaged. Where the food or food product  
10 offered for consumption is not packaged, a conspicu-  
11 ous label or sign is placed on, immediately next to  
12 or on the menu, indicating that the food or food  
13 product contains sulfite.

14 §1088. Penalty

15 A violation of this subchapter is a civil viola-  
16 tion for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$100 may be  
17 adjudged.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 This bill requires the labeling of foods contain-  
20 ing sulfites.

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