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L.D. 1047

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 775, L.D. 1047, Bill, "AN ACT to Repeal the Mandatory Brucellosis Vaccination for Cattle."

Amend the Bill by inserting after the title the following:

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

Whereas, Maine is a brucellosis-free State and has been free from brucellosis for several years;

Whereas, the requirement to vaccinate cattle is unnecessary, costly and causes hardship for dealers buying and selling cattle to support Maine farmers; and

Whereas, the requirement must be lifted immediately to eliminate the unnecessary restriction of interstate trade; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1812, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 197, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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1 Female cattle brought into the State may enter
2 without having been vaccinated for brucellosis, pro-
3 vided they are imported from brucellosis-free states
4 and countries. In order to import female cattle over
5 120 days of age from class A and B states as defined
6 in the 9 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 78, those
7 cattle must be vaccinated for brucellosis before en-
8 tering the State.

9 'Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are
10 allocated from Other Special Revenue Funds to carry
11 out the purposes of this Act.

12		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
13	<u>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL</u>		
14	<u>RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
15	Bureau of Agricultural		
16	Production		
17	Personal Services	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)

18 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
19 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
20 proved.

21 FISCAL NOTE

22 Enactment of this bill to repeal the mandatory
23 brucellosis vaccination results in a loss of revenue
24 and a deallocation of approximately \$5,000 annually
25 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Re-
26 sources for the upcoming biennium. The loss of reve-
27 nue is based on the anticipated reduction in vaccine
28 sales and the deallocation is due to the expected de-
29 crease in expenditures for the purchase of brucello-
30 sis vaccine.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment modifies the original bill by
3 stipulating conditions for importation of female cat-
4 tle from other states and countries. An emergency
5 preamble is added and the bill is further amended to
6 include an allocation section and a fiscal note de-
7 scribing the anticipated reduction in revenue for the
8 upcoming biennium.

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