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L.D. 2412

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STATE OF MAINE
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113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " B " to S.P. 921, L.D. 2412,
Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Membership on the Maine
Blueberry Commission."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4312-B, sub-§2, as repealed
and replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §100, is
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Membership. The commission shall consist of 9
members who are active in and representative of the
blueberry industry. Each member shall be aware of the
opinions and needs of the member's constituency and
communicate the results of commission activity to this
constituency. Four members shall be blueberry growers
who have no processing facilities; 4 members shall be
blueberry processors who may or may not be growers and
one member shall be the Commissioner of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Resources or a designated departmental
representative.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by inserting
at the end the following:

'Members shall be required to report any change in
their relationship to the industry which formed the
basis for their original appointments. Should a
change

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1 take place, the commissioner shall replace that member
2 with a person who currently is employed in that
3 segment of the industry which the replaced member
4 represented.'

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 This amendment adds a representative from the
7 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to
8 provide an uneven number of board members. The
9 amendment keeps the requirement of the original bill
10 that the commission membership be split equally
11 between processors and nonprocessors. Membership
12 currently is weighed in favor of processors. This
13 amendment requires replacement of a member who no
14 longer works in the section of the industry that he
15 was appointed to represent.

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Reported by the Minority for the Committee on Agriculture.
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