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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 591, L.D. 809, Bill, "An Act to Require Country of Origin Labeling on Fresh Produce"

Amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting at the beginning the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "~~§530.~~" by striking out all of subsection 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'6. Penalty. A person who fails to comply with the provisions of this section commits a civil violation and may be adjudged a fine not more than \$100. Each day in violation constitutes a separate offense.

7. Repealed. This section is repealed effective July 1, 1991.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Public Services - Agriculture		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$15,750	\$21,000
All Other	18,125	20,000
Capital Expenditures	600	
Provides funds for a consumer food inspector position, anticipated travel expenses		

1 and general operating
2 expenses for the proposed
3 educational program.

5 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
6 TOTAL \$34,475 \$41,000

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FISCAL NOTE

11 Enactment of this bill results in:

13 1. A General Fund appropriation to the Department of
14 Agriculture in the amount of \$34,475 for fiscal year 1989-90 and
15 \$41,000 for fiscal year 1990-91; and

17 2. Additional cases filed in the Maine court system;
18 however, any additional costs would be absorbed by the Judicial
19 Department utilizing existing resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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25 This amendment reduces the penalty for not labeling produce
26 originating in certain countries from a Class E crime to a civil
27 penalty with not more than a \$100 fine and adds language
repealing the law on July 1, 1991. An appropriation and fiscal
note are added.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture
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