

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 614

House of Representatives, March 21, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.

Cosponsored by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo and Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Create a Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **7 MRSA §2953-A, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:**

5 4-A. Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact. To enter into the
7 Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

9 A. Maine's representatives to the Northeast Interstate
11 Dairy Compact shall be as follows:

13 (1) The commissioner or designee;

15 (2) The chair of the Maine Milk Commission or
17 designee; and

19 (3) An agricultural economist nominated by the dean of
21 the College of Food, Agriculture and Applied Science of
23 the University of Maine and appointed by the Governor.

25 B. The Maine Milk Commission may delegate its price-setting
27 authority to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact subject
29 to the following limitations. The minimum price shall
31 comply with current federal laws and may not be less than
33 the minimums set by the Maine Milk Commission.

35 C. The Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact may establish
37 rules using the procedures outlined in the Federal
Administrative Procedure Act and may proceed under emergency
rule-making provisions without making findings of emergency.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies the power of the Maine Milk Commission to enter into multistate compacts for the purpose of setting minimum milk prices. It specifically gives the commission the authority to enter the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.