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L.D. 901
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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 340, L.D. 901, Bill, "An Act to Require Labeling of Produce Treated with Post-harvest Treatments"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRS §2157, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Post-harvest treatments. If it is fresh produce that is sold or offered for sale at a retail outlet, whether or not it is packaged or in a container, and has been treated with a post-harvest treatment, without meeting the requirements in paragraphs A, B and C.

For purposes of this section, "post-harvest treatment" means a treatment added or applied to fresh produce after harvest and identified by rule as a post-harvest treatment and waxes that contain one or more post-harvest treatments.

A. The owner or manager of a retail outlet shall ensure that one conspicuous sign is displayed that shall read: "Produce in this store may have been treated after harvest with one or more post-harvest treatments."

B. The owner or manager of a retail outlet shall ensure that information identifying the specific post-harvest treatments used, and the specific items of produce that were treated, is available to the public within 48 hours of a request.

C. The owner or manager of a retail outlet shall ensure that produce without post-harvest treatment, as determined by the commissioner, shall be identified by a sign contiguous to the specific produce.

This subsection is repealed effective July 1, 1991.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1990.

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FISCAL NOTE

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It is anticipated that any additional costs resulting from this legislation, such as rulemaking, would be absorbed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources utilizing existing resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Current federal law requires that information on post-harvest treatments must be available to stores. The amendment simplifies and clarifies the intent of the bill by removing references to specific post-harvest treatments and gives a retailer 48 hours to respond to a consumer request for information. The provisions of this Act will take effect January 1, 1990, and will be repealed on July 1, 1991.

Reported by Senator Kany for the Committee on Agriculture.
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