

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 340

In Senate, March 22, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator RANDALL of Washington, Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough and Representative HEESCHEN of Wilton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require Labeling of Produce Treated with Post-harvest Treatments.



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

3 **22 MRSA §2157, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

5 13. Post-harvest treatments. If a person sells or offers
7 for sale at a retail outlet fresh produce, whether or not it is
 packaged or in a container, treated with a post-harvest
 treatment, without meeting the requirements in paragraphs A and B.

9 For purposes of this section, when added or applied to fresh
11 produce after harvest, post-harvest treatments include Benomyl,
 Biphenyl, CIPC, Captan, O-Phenylphenol, Thiabendazole and other
13 treatments identified by the State Toxicologist, by rule, as
 treatments that may pose risks to human health, and waxes that
15 contain or seal in these treatments.

17 A. The owner or manager of a retail outlet shall ensure
19 that one or more conspicuous signs are displayed. The sign
 or signs shall read: "Produce in this store may have been
21 treated after harvest with one or more of the following
 treatments that may pose health risks: Benomyl, Biphenyl,
 CIPC, Captan, O-Phenylphenol, Thiabendazole and waxes that
23 contain or seal in one or more of these treatments." The
 sign must include other treatments that may pose health
25 risks as identified by the State Toxicologist and indicate
 that more detailed information is available upon request; and

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

33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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37 This bill ensures that important health information is
39 readily available to consumers purchasing fresh produce. The
 post-harvest treatments identified in this bill may pose
41 significant health risks and should be made known to consumers.