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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1243, L.D. 1734, Bill, "An Act to Increase Various License and Registration Fees of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §2168, as amended by PL 1989, c. 664, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2168. Fees

1. Application and renewal. Each application for, or renewal of, a license to operate a food establishment must be accompanied by a fee, based on the number of employees as follows:

- A. For 0 to 10 employees, \$10;
- B. For 11 to 25 employees, \$30; and
- C. For 26 or more employees, \$100.

2. Food salvage. Each application for, or renewal of, a license to operate a food salvage establishment or to act as a salvage broker must be accompanied by a fee, not to exceed \$30, determined by the commissioner.

3. Refunds and transfers; General Fund. No fee is refundable. A license is not assignable or transferable. Fees collected by the commissioner pursuant to this section must be deposited in the General Fund.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1990-91

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL
RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

**Agricultural and Rural
Resources Development**

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4 All Other \$45,000
6 Provides \$20,000 for audio-visual materials,
8 the preparation of written materials and
10 organization of a speaker's bureau for
12 general public awareness activities and
14 \$25,000 for instructional materials and the
16 training of teachers in agricultural
18 literacy as part of the agricultural
20 awareness programs.

FISCAL NOTE

Enactment of this legislation would:

1. Require a General Fund appropriation to the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (Agricultural and Rural
Resources Development, Account #01101.4) in the amount of \$45,000
for fiscal year 1990-91; and

2. Raise various license fees of the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources which would result in an
increase in revenue to the General Fund of \$94,157 for fiscal
year 1990-91.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment deletes provisions of the original bill that
capped license fees for retail food establishments at \$100 and
gave the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
discretion to establish fees appropriate to the size of the
retail establishment.

The amendment creates 3 categories of retail food
establishments based on the average number of employees and sets
the license fee for each category. Retail food establishments
with 25 or fewer employees will continue to pay their existing
license fee. Retail food establishments with 26 or more
employees will pay a fee of \$100.

The amendment provides that license fees for food salvage
establishments and salvage brokers are determined by the
Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and may
not exceed \$30.

An appropriation and fiscal note are also included.