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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1522, L.D. 2107, Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Membership in a Trade or Similar Association from Being a Condition for Licensing or Certifying a Producer's Food as Natural or Organic"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Sec. 2."

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§556.~~" by striking out the following: "Any organization that provides certification may not make membership a condition of certification. A fee may be charged but it may not exceed the costs of providing the service." and inserting in its place the following: 'Any organization within this State that provides certification of food may not make membership a condition of certification under this section.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment removes the prohibition against organizations requiring membership to determine if a food is natural. The amendment also removes language limiting certification fees to the cost of providing the service.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture  
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