

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 606,  
L.D. 1610, Bill, "An Act to Require Country of Origin Labeling on  
Fresh Produce and Labeling of Produce Treated with Post-harvest  
Treatments"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the  
following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and  
substituting the following:

**'An Act to Remove Sunset Provisions on Laws Relating to the  
Labeling of Produce, Potato Variety Labeling and Blueberry  
Theft'**

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the  
title in the first line (page 1, line 17 in amendment) by  
striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place  
the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment in the emergency preamble by  
inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following:

**'Whereas, current law that provides for a potato variety  
labeling program is due to be repealed on July 1, 1991; and'**

Further amend the amendment in the emergency preamble by  
inserting before the last paragraph the following:

**'Whereas, current law that provides appropriate penalties  
for theft of blueberries is due to be repealed on July 1, 1991;  
and**

**Whereas, this law is essential to deter blueberry theft this  
summer; and'**

2 Further amend the amendment in section 1 in the first line  
(page 1, line 41 in amendment) by striking out the following:  
4 "sub-§7" and inserting in its place the following: 'sub-§§4 and  
7' and in the 2nd line (page 1, line 42 in amendment) by striking  
6 out the following: "is" and inserting in its place the  
following: 'are'

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10 Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the  
following:

12 'Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1033, sub-§2, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1989, c.  
14 459, §2, is amended to read:

16 I. To promote, in cooperation with the commissioner, a  
18 voluntary program of variety labeling for Maine bags and  
other consumer packs of potatoes. ~~This--paragraph--is  
repealed--July-17--1991.~~

20 'Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §1034-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 459,  
22 §3, is repealed.'

24 Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the  
following:

26 'Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4318, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 214, §2, is  
28 repealed.'

30 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3.

32 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to  
read consecutively.

34 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the  
fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

36 **'FISCAL NOTE**

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40 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will  
absorb the costs associated with adopting rules and enforcing the  
42 provisions of the country of origin labeling laws and the  
labeling of produce treated with post-harvest treatments laws  
utilizing existing budgeted resources. The department will not  
44 need additional resources to continue the potato variety labeling  
program and the antitheft blueberry laws.

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48 The additional work load and administrative costs associated  
with the minimal number of additional cases filed in District  
Court as a result of the violation will be absorbed within the  
50 budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of  
additional fines will increase General Fund revenue by a minor  
52 amount.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment changes the title of the bill. The amendment repeals additional sunset provisions. The sunset on the potato variety labeling program is repealed. The sunset on laws enacted to reduce the theft of blueberries is repealed. Both have sunset dates of July 1, 1991.

The amendment also repeals the requirement that the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources institute an educational program under the country of origin labeling laws, deletes the appropriation and replaces the fiscal note.

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