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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1163, L.D. 1704, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Sale and Distribution of Certain Milk Products"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 4 the following:

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §3106 is enacted to read:

§3106. Research restrictions

1. Segregation. Research pursuant to section 3105 on biosynthetic bovine somatotropin, known as BST, may be conducted only under the direction of a recognized research institution and only if the milk from dairy animals that have been treated with BST is segregated from milk that is used for human consumption.

2. Annual report. Annually by January 1st, any person or institution conducting biotechnological or genetic engineering research on agricultural commodities shall file a report with the Legislature that describes the nature and scope of biotechnological and genetic engineering research conducted during the immediate preceeding year. The report must also include a list of the names and amounts contributed by research sponsors.

3. Consent. Any owner or operator of a dairy farm who participates in BST research under section 3105 and this section must have prior written consent from any processor to whom that owner's or operator's milk is sold.

4. Criminal violation. Any person or institution who intentionally or knowingly violates any provision of this section commits a Class E crime punishable by a fine of not more than \$7,500 and is subject to imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both, for each violation. Prosecution under this section is by summons and not by warrant.

