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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" 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 in section 4 in that part designated
"§3105." in the first paragraph by striking out all of the 3rd
sentence (page 3, lines 14 to 18 in L.D.) and inserting in its
place the following: 'In addition to the powers granted under
section 3101, the commissioner may conduct, for the purposes of
enforcing this section, a survey program for the detection of
biosynthetic BST. The commissioner may select, at random, a
number of dairy herds throughout the State for testing for the
presence of biosynthetic BST. The commissioner may collect
bovine blood samples from all or any number of cows in each herd
so selected to determine whether those samples contain elevated
levels of BST. In addition to the other penalties provided by
law, if biosynthetic BST is found on a dairy farm, or if bovine
blood sample tests conducted by the commissioner indicate
elevated levels of BST, except in conformance with this section,
the commissioner shall suspend the farm's operating permit issued
under section 2902-A.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 4 the
following:

'**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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Provides funds for random blood testing of dairy cows to check for elevated levels of bovine somatotropin (BST).'

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

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The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue. The amount can not be estimated at this time.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment gives the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources the authority to conduct a survey program for the detection of biosynthetic BST.

The amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

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