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2	L.D. 806
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8	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 116TH LEGISLATURE
10 ·	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
12	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \overrightarrow{H} " to H.P. 591, L.D. 806, Bill, "Ar
14	Act to Extend the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Act"
16	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
18	'An Act Relating to the Maine Dairy Industry'
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22	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:
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26	'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2953-A, sub-§4-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 437, is amended to read:
28	A. Maine's representatives to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact shall-be <u>are</u> as follows:
30	(1) The commissioner or designee;
3 2	(2) The chair of the Maine Milk Commission or
34	designee; and
36	(3)An-agricultural-economist-nominated-by-the-dean-ef the-Cellege-of-Food,-Agriculture-and-Applied-Seience-ef
38	the-University-of-Maine-and-appointed-by-the-Governor.
40	(4) A dairy farmer who is engaged in the production of
	milk at the time of appointment or reappointment, to be
42	appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
44	jurisdiction over agricultural matters and confirmation by the Legislature.
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Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4544, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 526, §4, is amended to read:

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Ninety-four percent of the funds collected under this chapter and all other funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of this chapter and any earnings on these funds must be paid each month to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for distribution to Maine market producers and Boston market producers equally per hundredweight on the basis of their production during the prior month. Such payments to producers must be made by the 20th day of the month following the month that payment of the tax is due. A payment may not be allocated to that portion of a producer's milk production that is in excess of 400,000 gounds per month. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the funds distributed to producers under this paragraph are allotted for the purposes of this paragraph and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Resources the Maine Milk Pool or administrator pursuant to Title 7, section 3154, as the commissioner's designee, is authorized to prepare and sign warrants for the payment of the amounts due to producers from the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund under this chapter.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill increases the number of confirmation hearings required to be held by the Legislature. If a hearing and a Senate session are held when the Legislature is not already in session, a General Fund appropriation may be required by the Legislature. The estimated cost of a hearing and a Senate session is approximately \$5,000.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the bill. It raises from 400,000 to 800,000 the limit on pounds of milk used to calculate a dairy farmer's proportional entitlement to distributions from the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund. The amendment also changes the composition of Maine's representation to the Interstate Dairy Compact. The amendment replaces an agricultural economist with a dairy farmer, to be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture
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