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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 437, L.D. 603, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Sale of Irradiated Food in the State"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

Sec. 3. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor allowing the sale of irradiated food in the State?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

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2 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
4 Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

6 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:
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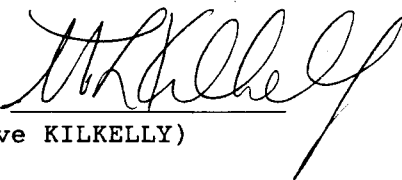
10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 The estimated cost of sending this question out to
referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda
14 enacted during the First Regular Session of the 117th
Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one
16 to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional
referendum costs an additional \$7,000.'

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20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This amendment sends to referendum the proposal to eliminate
the ban on the sale of irradiated food in the State.

24 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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28 SPONSORED BY: 
30 (Representative KILKELLY)

32 TOWN: Wiscasset

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