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House of Representatives, February 4, 1999

An Act to Require Labeling of Fruits and Vegetables to Identify Country of Origin.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	C. 1 7 3 7 D C 1 0 8 2 0 1 0 1
4	Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §530, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 527, §1, is amended to read:
6	1. Label required. Fresh produce imperted-from-a-fereign seantry must be labeled in accordance with this section in-erder
8	to-protect-the health, -safety-and-welfare-of-Maine-citizens-from
	the-dangers-of-pesticides-used-er-applied-in-a-manner-er-at-a
10	rate-disallowed-in-the-United-States.
12	A. Fresh produce sold or offered for retail sale in this State thatwasgrownorraisedinaforeignsountry
L4	designatedbytheCommissionerofAgriculture,Feedand
16	Rural Resources by rule under subsection 2 must be
.0	identified by labeling with the country of origin as provided in paragraphs B to D.
L8	provided in paragraphs B to D.
-0	B. Except as provided in paragraph D, each item of fresh
20	produce offered for retail sale as an individual unit must
	be individually labeled in accordance with subsection 3.
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	C. Except as provided in paragraph D, fresh produce
24	packaged in consumer units must be labeled in accordance with subsection 3. For purposes of this section, banana and
26	grape clusters are a consumer unit.
28	D. Fresh produce that is not labeled in accordance with
	paragraph B or C may be sold at retail if the labeling
30	information required by subsection 3 appears on a bin label
	or placard contiguous to the produce being displayed for
32	retail sale or on the original shipping container if it
	contains the produce offered for sale.
14	Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §530, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 527,

SUMMARY

§1, is repealed.

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This bill requires fresh fruit and vegetables sold in this 42 State to be labeled with the country of origin.