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S.P. 465

In Senate, February 18, 1999

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Farmstead Cheese.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2904-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

6 5. Exemption. A producer that produced farmstead cheese
8 before June 30, 1998 is exempt from the sale restrictions imposed
10 by subsection 4 if the farmstead cheese sold by that producer is
12 labeled to indicate that the cheese is produced from milk that is
14 heat-treated but is not pasteurized.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill exempts a producer of farmstead cheese from sales
20 restrictions if that producer was producing farmstead cheese
before the effective date of those restrictions and if the cheese
is labeled to indicate that it is heat-treated, not pasteurized.