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6 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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14 **STATE OF MAINE**
16 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
 119TH LEGISLATURE
 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

18 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1860, L.D. 2595, "Resolve,
20 Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter (Unassigned): Rules
22 Governing Maine Milk and Milk Products, Major Substantive Rules
 of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"

24 Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1,
26 line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "authorized." and
 inserting in its place the following: 'authorized with the
28 revisions presented to the Joint Standing Committee on
30 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on March 15, 2000 by the
 Director of the Division of Animal Health and Industry within
32 the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. A copy
34 of the revised rule and the letter prepared by the Director of
 the Division of Animal Health and Industry and dated March 13,
36 2000 that presents the revisions to the provisionally adopted
 rule must be filed with the Secretary of State as part of the
 written statement required under the Maine Revised Statutes,
 Title 5, section 8052, subsection 5. The revisions to the rule
 include:

- 38 1. Several technical changes to the rule;
40 2. Inserting references in several places to guidelines
42 found in the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance;
44 3. Specifying that rooms or areas in which not pasteurized
46 milk and milk products are handled must have a self-closing door;
 and
48 4. An appeals process for the Commissioner of Agriculture,
50 Food and Rural Resources to use when a milk producer disputes the
 results of component tests reported by a milk plant.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is
not required to hold hearings or conduct other formal proceedings
4 prior to finally adopting the rule in accordance with this
resolve.'

6 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
incur some minor additional costs to establish a certain appeals
14 process and to revise certain rules pertaining to milk and milk
products. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
16 existing budgeted resources.'

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment specifies revisions to the provisionally
22 adopted rule that are authorized and requires documentation
detailing the revisions to be filed with the Secretary of State,
24 and adds a fiscal note.