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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 259, L.D. 906, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Control of Disease in Poultry"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1758 is enacted to read:

§1758. Salmonella enteritidis risk reduction and surveillance program

The commissioner, in cooperation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service, shall develop a Salmonella enteritidis risk reduction and surveillance program for poultry. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement the program. The rules must define the term "commercial egg producer" and establish requirements for participating in the program and a process for monitoring compliance with the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Upon final adoption of the rules, participation in the program is mandatory for all commercial egg producers in the State. A commercial egg producer who fails to comply with the requirements of this section and rules adopted pursuant to this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of no more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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4 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
6 incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules
8 pertaining to the implementation of a Salmonella enteritidis risk
10 reduction and surveillance program. These costs can be absorbed
12 within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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10 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
12 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
14 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
16 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
18 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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20 This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the
22 Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop
a Salmonella enteritidis risk reduction and surveillance program
for poultry and to adopt rules to implement the program. It also
adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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