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No. 1826

S.P. 648

In Senate, June 11, 2001

An Act to Provide Dairy Farmer Equity.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KILKELLY of Lincoln, President MICHAUD of Penobscot,
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, GOODWIN of Pembroke, GOOLEY of Farmington,
JODREY of Bethel, STANLEY of Medway.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3153, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

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G. For any month in which there is only one Maine market dealer subject to collection under subsection 2, paragraph A and the milk sold or otherwise distributed by that dealer during that month does not exceed 1,000,000 pounds, the additional payment at the adjusted base minimum price under subsection 2, paragraph A due to the Maine Milk Pool instead must be made by that dealer to its Maine market producers.

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FISCAL NOTE

Allowing an alternative to payments to the Maine Milk Pool administered by the Maine Milk Commission may reduce future dedicated revenues collected by the commission. The amounts can not be determined at this time.

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SUMMARY

This bill provides an automatic trigger to return Maine Milk Pool payments directly to eligible Maine dairy farmers whenever in any given month there is only one Maine market dealer subject to the Maine Milk Pool collection and the milk sold or distributed by that dealer during that month does not exceed 1,000,000 pounds.