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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 270, L.D. 815, Bill, "An Act To Require that Division Heads within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources Be Unclassified"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Require That Directors within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources Be Unclassified'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. NN, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Deputy Commissioner;

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶¶J to N are enacted to read:

J. Director, Office of Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources;

K. Director, Division of Plant Industry;

L. Director, Division of Animal Health and Industry;

M. Director, Division of Market and Production Development;  
and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

2           N. Director, Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation.'

4           **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c.  
6           731, §8, is amended by adding after the first paragraph a new  
paragraph to read:

8           Directors are unclassified employees and are appointed by  
10           the commissioner.

12           **Sec. 4. Transition.** Persons serving as division directors  
14           within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources on  
the effective date of this Act continue to serve as classified  
employees until January 2, 2007.'

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### SUMMARY

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20           This amendment is the majority report. It specifies the  
directors' positions within the Department of Agriculture, Food  
and Rural Resources, which are being designated as unclassified.  
22           It adds a transition section to allow persons serving as  
directors on the effective date of this Act to continue to serve  
as classified employees until the beginning of the next  
24           gubernatorial term of office.