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House of Representatives, March 1, 2005

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding State Milk Payments

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

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Presented by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

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

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

2. Optional delay of payments. A milk producer eligible 6 for payments under this section may choose to delay the month of the initial payment by notifying the administrator of the Maine 8 Milk Pool on or before the 15th day of the month following the month in which production exceeded the annual production cap 10 under the federal Milk Income Loss Contract. The producer must state the month requested for the initial payment. A producer may change the month selected for the initial payment by 12 notifying the administrator on or before the 15th day of the 14 month preceding the selected month. After an initial payment under this section, the administrator of the Maine Milk Pool 16 shall make subsequent payments each month in which payments are made under the federal Milk Income Loss Contract until that 18 producer's annual production reaches 5,000,000 pounds. When a producer chooses to delay payments under this section, production 20 for each month that payments are delayed is not counted towards the annual production cap of 5,000,000 pounds. 22

SUMMARY

26 This bill allows a milk producer to choose which month that producer begins receiving payments under the Maine milk income 28 loss contract. Production during the months that payments are delayed does not count towards the cap of 5,000,000 pounds under 30 the Maine milk income loss contract.