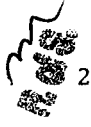


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STATE OF MAINE
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122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 388, L.D. 1126, Bill, "An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Meat Produced without Nontherapeutic Antibiotics"

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

'Resolve, To Examine the Nontherapeutic Use of Antibiotics'

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

'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and Director of Bureau of Health within Department of Health and Human Services to report on use of antibiotics. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," and the Director of the Bureau of Health within the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the director," shall examine ways to reduce the use of antibiotics in the animal industry with the goal of maintaining the therapeutic efficacy of antibiotics. The commissioner and the director shall convene a study group to review the use of antibiotics in animal agriculture, with particular attention to those antibiotics also used in human medicine. The study group may also make recommendations for future actions that encourage prudent use of antibiotics in human and animal care. The commissioner and the director shall invite participation as follows:

- 1. Representatives from a council of diverse statewide agricultural organizations;

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2 2. A representative of an association of licensed
3 veterinarians;

4 3. A medical specialist in infectious diseases;

6 4. A pediatrician;

8 5. A medical pharmacologist with expertise in antibiotics
10 use;

12 6. An animal husbandry specialist from the University of
14 Maine or the University of Maine Cooperative Extension;

16 7. A representative of a group of citizens or scientists
18 concerned with the continued efficacy of antibiotics; and

20 8. The Director of the Division of Purchases within the
22 Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the
24 director's designee.

26 The commissioner and the director shall consult with the
28 study group in preparing a report and developing recommendations;
30 and be it further

32 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15,
34 2006, the commissioner and director shall report to the Joint
36 Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and
38 the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. In
40 their report, the commissioner and director shall summarize the
42 discussions of the study group and present any recommendations
44 for policy statements or actions by the State to address the
46 issue of the efficacy of antibiotics in human medicine as it may
48 be affected by the use of antibiotics in animal agriculture; and
50 be it further

Sec. 3. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved: That the
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and
Forestry may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session
of the 122nd Legislature pertaining to the use of antibiotics in
animal agriculture. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and
Human Services may report out legislation to the Second Regular
Session of the 122nd Legislature pertaining to the use of
antibiotics in human medicine.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the bill to a resolve. It directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the

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2 Director of the Bureau of Health within the Department of Health
and Human Services in consultation with a study group to examine
4 issues pertaining to the use of antibiotics in human medicine and
animal agriculture. It requires a report to legislative
6 committees in January 2006 and authorizes the Joint Standing
Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint
8 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to report out
legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd
Legislature.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Meat Produced without Nontherapeutic Antibiotics

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund