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## An Act To Allow the Use of Fallen Apples in Apple Cider

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Representative: SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, 4 §1, is amended to read:

6 2. Accepted processing methods. A11 cider sold, advertised, offered or exposed for sale must be heat treated, treated by ultraviolet light or pressed under a state-approved 8 hazard and critical control plan unless the cider bears a warning label in accordance with subsection 3. A state-approved hazard 10 and critical control plan must prohibit the pressing of apples for use in cider that have dropped from the trees for-use-in 12 eider located on property where livestock and poultry, as defined in section 1302, subsection 3, are present. For the purposes of 14 this section, "heat treated" means heated to a temperature of 155' Fahrenheit or higher for no more than 10 seconds. 16

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### **SUMMARY**

Current law prohibits the pressing of apples for use in cider if those apples have dropped from the trees.

This bill prohibits the pressing of apples that have dropped from trees for use in cider only if there is livestock or poultry present on the property.