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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1293, L.D. 1853, Bill, "An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws"

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Conduct Outreach Activities Pertaining to Animal Identification'**

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 to conduct outreach activities about animal identification proposals.**

**Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources or the commissioner's designee shall conduct outreach activities to inform the agricultural community and the general public of any federal or state initiatives being developed to require the identification of animals for the purpose of tracking disease. The outreach activities must include regional meetings to gain input from the agricultural community. Each meeting must allow time for public comment on and discussion of issues pertaining to animal identification; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources or the commissioner's designee shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by January 15, 2007 on the result of the outreach

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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2 activities conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
3 Rural Resources pursuant to section 1 and the status of any  
4 federal initiative or action to require or promote animal  
5 identification. The report must include the location and date of  
6 each meeting held within the State, the number of people  
7 attending and a summary of public comments and concerns.'

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**SUMMARY**

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11 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing  
12 the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to  
13 conduct outreach activities to inform members of the agricultural  
14 community and the general public about initiatives at the federal  
15 and state levels to require animal identification. Meetings must  
16 allow time for public comment. The commissioner is required to  
17 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
18 jurisdiction over agriculture matters by January 15, 2007 on  
19 meetings held and the status of federal initiatives.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



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LD 1853

LR 2728(03)

**An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B"**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund