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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

### An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws

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Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PIOTTI of Unity.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 308** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 308**

8 **MAINE ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM**

10 **§2001. Maine Animal Identification Program**

12 The commissioner shall establish by rule the Maine Animal  
14 Identification Program for the identification and registration of  
16 livestock and poultry premises, the identification and tagging of  
18 individual animals from the registered premises and the tracking  
20 of identified animals back to registered premises within a  
22 48-hour period. The Maine Animal Identification Program must be  
24 consistent with the standards of the National Animal  
26 Identification System as issued by the United States Department  
28 of Agriculture. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are  
routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and  
28 Rural Resources to establish the Maine Animal Identification  
Program by rule consistent with the requirements of the federal  
system.