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House of Representatives, January 16, 2007

### An Act To Prohibit Certain Uses of Monosodium Glutamate

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, FINCH of Fairfield, JOY of Crystal,  
RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2156, sub-§2** is amended to read:

3 **2. Substances added or omitted.**

4 A. If any valuable constituent has been in whole or in part omitted or abstracted  
5 therefrom; ~~or~~

6 B. If any substance has been substituted wholly or in part therefor; ~~or~~

7 C. If damage or inferiority has been concealed in any manner; ~~or~~

8 D. If any substance has been added thereto or mixed or packed therewith so as to  
9 increase its bulk or weight, or reduce its quality or strength or make it appear better or  
10 of greater value than it is; or

11 E. If monosodium glutamate has been added to the food directly in crystal form by a  
12 person selling, offering for sale or serving the food or food product in any retail store,  
13 hotel, restaurant or other public eating place.

14 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 230, §1, is further  
15 amended to read:

16 **13. Monosodium glutamate, MSG.** If a person sells, offers for sale or serves in any  
17 retail store, hotel, restaurant or other public eating place any food or food product,  
18 whether or not in package form, ~~to which that person has added~~ that contains  
19 monosodium glutamate ~~directly in crystal form~~, unless:

20 A. The package in which that food or food product is offered for sale conspicuously  
21 bears a label or stamp indicating that the food or food product contains monosodium  
22 glutamate;

23 B. When the food or food product is offered for consumption and is not packaged, a  
24 conspicuous label or sign is placed on the food, immediately next to the food,  
25 immediately next to the food's listing on the menu, or in an open manner where the  
26 food order or food product is obtained, indicating that the food or food product  
27 contains monosodium glutamate; or

28 C. There is a conspicuously displayed directory to which customers can refer for  
29 information on the contents of unpackaged products offered for sale.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill prohibits persons selling, offering for sale or serving in any retail store,  
32 hotel, restaurant or other public eating place any food or food product from directly  
33 adding monosodium glutamate to the food being sold or served.

34 It also makes the labeling requirements apply to food that already contains  
35 monosodium glutamate and deletes references to adding monosodium glutamate in  
36 crystal form.