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7 **123RD LEGISLATURE**
8 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 743, L.D. 983, Bill, "An Act To More
10 Clearly Define Maple Syrup"

11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and
12 inserting the following:

13 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
14 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

15 **Whereas,** the amended definition of the term "maple syrup" in this legislation must
16 be in effect for the 2007 maple syrup marketing season; and

17 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
18 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
19 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
20 therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §892-A, sub-§1, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 326, §2, is
23 amended to read:

24 D. "Maple syrup," which may also be spelled "maple sirop" or "maple sirup,"
25 means the liquid derived by concentration and heat treatment of the sap of ~~the~~ maple
26 ~~tree~~ trees, (Acer) or by the solution in water of maple sugar or maple concentrate
27 made from such sap. The solids content of maple syrup may not be less than 66% by
28 weight or more than 69% by weight, as measured in Brix units at a temperature of 68
29 degrees Fahrenheit.

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
31 legislation takes effect when approved.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Ads

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill and makes a number of technical corrections to the revised definition of "maple syrup" proposed in the bill. The amendment also makes the bill an emergency, so that the revised definition will be in effect for and apply to maple

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syrup marketed this year.