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7	123RD LEGISLATURE
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1030, L.D. 1468, Bill, "An Act To Adjust the Milk Handling Fee"
11 12	Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:
13 14	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
15 16	Whereas, the basic price of milk fluctuates and revised price projections are now available; and
17 18	Whereas, adjustment of the rates is needed to better reflect a wide range in potential prices; and
19 20 21 22	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'
23	Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:
24	'Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4902, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
25 26 27	2-A. Rate. The rate of the fee levied under this chapter is established for each fee period on the basis of the basic price of milk in effect on the Sunday following the first Sunday of the fee period in accordance with this subsection:
28 29	A. If the basic price is \$24.00 per hundredweight and above, the rate of the milk handling fee is 0¢ per gallon;
30 31	B. If the basic price is 23.00 to 23.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is $2e$ per gallon;

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- C. If the basic price is 22.00 to 22.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 4ϕ per gallon;
- 3 D. If the basic price is \$21.00 to \$21.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 4 handling fee is 6¢ per gallon;
- 5 E. If the basic price is \$20.00 to \$20.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 6 handling fee is 8¢ per gallon;
- F. If the basic price is \$19.00 to \$19.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 handling fee is 10¢ per gallon;
- 9 G. If the basic price is \$18.00 to \$18.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 10 handling fee is 12¢ per gallon;
- H. If the basic price is \$17.50 to \$17.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 handling fee is 16¢ per gallon;
- I. If the basic price is \$17.00 to \$17.49 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 handling fee is 20¢ per gallon;
- J. If the basic price is \$16.50 to \$16.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 handling fee is 24¢ per gallon;
- 17 K. If the basic price is \$16.00 to \$16.49 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 18 handling fee is 28¢ per gallon;
- 19 L. If the basic price is \$15.50 to \$15.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 20 handling fee is 32¢ per gallon; and
- M. If the basic price is \$15.00 to \$15.49 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk
 handling fee is 36¢ per gallon.
- If the basic price falls below \$15.00 per hundredweight, for each 50¢ decrease in the
 basic price, the rate of the milk handling fee increases by 6¢ per gallon.
- 25 For any container other than a gallon, the fee is computed on a gallon-equivalent basis.

26 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 27 legislation takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment makes revisions to the rate schedule proposed in the bill. The bill proposed a minimum handling fee of 6 cents per gallon. The amendment proposes that a handling fee of 2ϕ be initiated when the basic price of milk drops below \$24 per hundredweight. The bill proposed a handling fee of 36ϕ when the basic price of milk dropped below \$16 per hundredweight. The amendment proposes a handling fee of 36ϕ a gallon when the basic price of milk is between \$15 and \$15.49 per hundredweight. The

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handling fee would increase by 6¢ per gallon for every 50¢ decrease in the basic price of milk below \$15 per hundredweight.

This amendment also makes the bill an emergency measure.

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> FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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An Act To Adjust the Milk Handling Fee

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "" Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	(\$1,686,906)	(\$1,882,237)	(\$1,882,237)	(\$1,882,237)
Revenue General Fund	\$1,686,906	\$1,882,237	\$1,882,237	\$1,882,257

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Changes in the milk handling fee schedule will increase General Fund revenue. The estimated amounts are \$1,686,906 and \$1,882,237 in fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09, respectively.