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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 124TH LEGISLATURE
8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 857, L.D. 1238, Bill, "An Act
10 Concerning the National Animal Identification System"

11 Amend the bill in section I in §1708 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in
12 L.D.) by striking out the following: "if" and inserting the following: 'only if'

13 Amend the bill in section I in §1708 by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting
14 the following:

15 '4. Confidentiality. Information provided to the commissioner for participation in
16 the system, whether the system is mandatory or voluntary, is confidential and may not be
17 disclosed, except that the commissioner may release a record, data or information
18 collected under this section to another governmental entity as the commissioner
19 determines necessary to prevent or control disease or to protect public health, safety or
20 welfare. The commissioner may publish and release as public information summary
21 reports using aggregate data that does not reveal the activities of an individual person or
22 firm.'

23 Amend the bill in section I in §1708 by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

24 '6. Repeal. This section is repealed January 1, 2013.'

25 SUMMARY

26 This amendment clarifies that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural
27 Resources is authorized to adopt rules to implement a national animal identification
28 system only if the system becomes mandatory through action at the federal level. It also
29 revises the confidentiality provision in the bill to clarify that information provided to the
30 commissioner under either a mandatory or voluntary system is confidential. The
31 commissioner is authorized to disclose information to government entities if disclosure is
32 necessary to prevent or control disease or to protect the public. The commissioner may
33 publish and release as public information summary reports using aggregate data that does
34 not reveal the activities of an individual person or firm. This amendment also adds an
35 automatic repeal date of January 1, 2013.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1238

LR 818(02)

An Act Concerning the National Animal Identification System

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

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.