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No. 1829

H.P. 1316

House of Representatives, March 26, 2010

An Act To Support the Dairy Industry

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, EDGECOMB of Caribou, GIFFORD of Lincoln, KENT
of Woolwich, McCABE of Skowhegan, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Senator: SHERMAN of
Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. PL 2009, c. 467, §10** is amended to read:

3 **Sec. 10. Administrator authorized to make monthly adjustments during**
4 **the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.** During the period from July 1,
5 2010 to June 30, 2011, the administrator of the Maine Milk Pool shall monitor milk price
6 projections and each month calculate the amounts to be paid out under the dairy
7 stabilization program for fiscal year 2010-11 based on these projections. The
8 administrator may adjust the amount requested and the amount distributed in any month
9 during this period based on the most recent projections and calculations. The
10 administrator may reduce payments only if projections indicate that the total distributions
11 under the stabilization program ~~will exceed \$17,361,291~~ in the biennium consisting of
12 fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 will exceed \$17,361,291 prior to March 1, 2011.

13 If projections indicate that total distributions will exceed \$17,361,291 prior to March
14 1, 2011, the administrator shall adjust payments distributed in October 2010 to ~~June~~
15 January 2011 on milk produced in the months of September 2010 to ~~May 2011~~ December
16 2010 by multiplying the target price for each tier by the same percent. The administrator
17 shall adjust payments distributed in July, August and September 2010 on milk produced
18 in June, July and August 2010, respectively, in accordance with sections 11 and 12.

19 **Sec. 2. PL 2009, c. 467, §11** is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 11. Calculation of payments for milk produced June 1, 2010 to**
21 **August 31, 2010.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3153-B,
22 if projections indicate that total distributions from the dairy stabilization program will
23 exceed \$17,361,291 prior to March 1, 2011, the administrator of the Maine Milk Pool
24 shall calculate and make payments to Maine milk producers in accordance with this
25 section for milk produced from June 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010.

26 1. No later than June 15, 2010, the administrator of the Maine Milk Pool shall assign
27 each producer to one of 4 tiers based on that producer's total production during the 12-
28 month period beginning June 1, 2009 and ending May 31, 2010.

29 2. Upon receiving the monthly production data ~~for June 2010~~, the administrator shall:

30 A. Calculate the amount of money due each producer in accordance with Title 7,
31 section 3153-B, subsection 4;

32 B. Reduce each producer's payment by a percentage established in section 12; and

33 C. Certify to the State Controller the amounts to be transferred and distributed.

34 3. The administrator shall calculate payments for milk produced in June 2010, July
35 2010 and ~~milk production in~~ August 2010 in the manner prescribed in subsection 2,
36 paragraphs A, B and C.

37 **Sec. 3. PL 2009, c. 467, §12** is amended to read:



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Sponsor: Rep. Pich of Bremen
Committee: Not Referred
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill may result in a change in the timing of payments under the dairy stabilization program but does not change the total amount that may be distributed in the 2010-2011 biennium.