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L.D. 991
(Filing No. H-596)

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 686, L.D. 991, Bill, "An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. PL 2013, c. 436, §2, sub-§2 is amended to read.

2. Repeal. If no certification has been made by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry under subsection 1 before January 1, ~~2018~~ 2022, this Act is repealed on that date.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes and replaces the bill. It extends by 4 years, from 2018 to 2022, the date before which 5 contiguous states, including Maine, have to adopt mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food in order for Maine's law to go into effect. If that contingency is not met, Maine's law is repealed.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 991

LR 1698(02)

An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Contingent future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law, PL 2013, c. 436 requires that if at least five contiguous states, including Maine, adopt legislation requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food by January 1, 2018, then food offered for retail sale that is genetically engineered requires disclosure. Currently, five contiguous states have not adopted this type of legislation and PL 2013, c. 436 will be repealed on January 1, 2018 if this does not change. This bill extends the repeal date to January 1, 2022, resulting in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry incurring annual General Fund costs of \$156,915 for one Consumer Protection Inspector position, one Office Associate II position and other related costs if at least five contiguous states adopt this type of legislation before January 1, 2022.