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An Act Regarding the Providing of Human Food Waste to Swine Producers

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1814-A, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Application. An individual, organization or institution, including a public school, that donates garbage to a swine producer for use in swine feed is not required to verify that the swine producer has a license under subsection 1. The commissioner shall ensure any guidance about this section issued to individuals, organizations or institutions clearly states that the donating individual, organization or institution is not required to verify that the swine producer has a license under subsection 1 and that the individual, organization or institution cannot be held responsible for the enforcement of this section or for any assessment of penalties under this section.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1814-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 572, §46, is amended to read:

4. Enforcement. The commissioner may enter at reasonable times any private or public property owned or operated by a swine producer to investigate conditions relating to the treating or feeding of garbage.

SUMMARY

This bill specifies that an individual, organization or institution, including a public school, that donates food waste to a swine producer for use in swine feed is not required to verify that the swine producer has a license to feed garbage to swine. The bill also specifies that it is private or public property owned or operated by a swine producer that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may enter to investigate conditions relating to the treating or feeding of garbage to swine.