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An Act To Protect the Products of Maine Farmers

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CUDDY of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, LANDRY of Farmington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2512, sub-§2, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 777, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 O. Establish conditions for storage and handling of livestock products and poultry
5 products by persons engaged in the business of buying, selling, freezing, storing or
6 transporting these products in or for intrastate commerce to ensure that these products
7 are not adulterated or misbranded when delivered to the consumer; ~~and~~

8 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2512, sub-§2, ¶P**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. E, §1, is
9 further amended to read:

10 P. Establish the method for providing voluntary inspection and withdrawal of
11 inspection of exotic animals, wild game, domesticated deer and domestic rabbits.
12 These rules may also provide for the inspection of meat and meat food products
13 derived from those animals. The commissioner shall provide voluntary inspection of
14 bison, domesticated deer and ratite produced in the State, including the inspection of
15 meat and meat food products derived from bison, domesticated deer and ratite, for
16 which the commissioner shall charge a fee of \$35 per hour. The commissioner shall
17 charge \$35 per hour per inspection of meat and meat food products processed in the
18 State but derived from bison, domesticated deer and ratite produced outside the
19 State; and

20 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2512, sub-§2, ¶Q** is enacted to read:

21 Q. Establish procedures for the return of inspected meat, meat products, poultry and
22 poultry products that have been found to be not adulterated but misbranded to the
23 livestock producer or poultry producer that delivered the meat, meat products, poultry
24 or poultry products.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill allows the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to
27 establish procedures for the return of inspected meat, meat products, poultry and poultry
28 products that have been found to be not adulterated but misbranded to the livestock
29 producer or poultry producer that delivered the meat, meat products, poultry or poultry
30 products.