

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**Chapter 565: Genetically Engineered Products**

**§2591. PURPOSE**

*(WHOLE SECTION TEXT EFFECTIVE UPON CONTINGENCY: See PL 2013, c. 436, §2, sub-§1)  
(WHOLE SECTION TEXT REPEALED 1/1/18 IF CONTINGENCY NOT MET)*

It is the purpose of this chapter to: [ 2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) . ]

**1. Public health and food safety.** Promote food safety and protect public health by enabling consumers to avoid the potential risks associated with genetically engineered foods and serve as a risk management tool enabling consumers, physicians and scientists to identify unintended health effects resulting from the consumption of genetically engineered foods;

[ 2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) . ]

**2. Environmental impacts.** Assist consumers who are concerned about the potential effects of genetic engineering on the environment to make informed purchasing decisions;

[ 2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) . ]

**3. Consumer confusion and inadvertent deception.** Reduce and prevent consumer confusion and inadvertent deception and promote the disclosure of factual information on food labels to allow consumers to make informed decisions;

[ 2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) . ]

**4. Promote economic development.** Create additional market opportunities for those producers who are not certified organic producers and whose products are not produced using genetic engineering and enable consumers to make informed purchasing decisions; and

[ 2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) . ]

**5. Protect religious and cultural practices.** Ensure consumers are provided with data from which they may make informed decisions for personal, religious, moral, cultural or ethical reasons.

[ 2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW); 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF) . ]

SECTION HISTORY

2013, c. 436, §1 (NEW). 2013, c. 436, §2 (AFF).

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