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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 644, L.D. 925, Bill, "An Act To Promote Small Diversified Farms and Small Food Producers"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §411 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "who" the following: 'grows, raises.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §411 by striking out all of subsection 6 (page 1, lines 21 to 22 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in §411 by striking out all of subsection 9 and inserting the following:

'9. Informed end consumer. "Informed end consumer" means, with regard to a farm food product or homemade food, a person who is the last person to purchase the food or product, who does not resell the food or product and who has been informed by a label that satisfies the requirements of section 416, subsection 3 that the food or product is not licensed or inspected.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §411 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill in section 2 in §416 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "at a farmers' market,"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §416 in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "at a farmers' market,"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §416 in subsection 3 by striking out all of the last paragraph and inserting the following:

'Farm food products and homemade food must be sold in packages with a label on each package containing the following information: the name, address, including zip code, and phone number of the producer; the name of the food product; the ingredients of the food product in descending order of predominance by weight; and the net quantity of contents in terms of weight, measure or numerical count. Farm food products and homemade food must also be clearly labeled with the following statement, if applicable: "This food

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1 product is not produced under license or inspected by the State of Maine." In addition, a  
2 sign containing the following statement must be displayed in a conspicuous place where  
3 sales occur: "Please inform us of any food allergies before purchase."

4 Amend the bill in section 4 in §2152-A in the indented paragraph in the last line  
5 (page 3, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "8 and 9" and inserting the  
6 following: '7 and 8'

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment redefines "informed end consumer," eliminates farmers' markets  
9 from the list of exempted venues, changes the wording of the labeling requirement and  
10 requires a sign concerning food allergies to be displayed where sales occur.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 **(See attached)**