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5 **STATE OF MAINE**
6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
7 **129TH LEGISLATURE**
8 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 277, L.D. 351, Bill, "An Act To
10 Ensure Accuracy in the Labeling of Maine Meat and Poultry"11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
12 following:13 '**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§15**' is enacted to read:14 **15. Mislabeling poultry and meat.** If it is poultry, a poultry product, meat or a
15 meat product offered for sale, sold or distributed within the State and labeled or
16 advertised as "Maine-raised" or by a similar designation unless the poultry or animal was
17 raised in Maine. A determination that poultry, a poultry product, meat or a meat product
18 is misbranded may be waived by the commissioner upon application if the commissioner
19 finds a waiver warranted due to economic factors, including, but not limited to, the
20 proximity of processing facilities to the in-state poultry producer or meat producer and
21 the availability of poultry processing facilities or meat processing facilities in the State.
22 For purposes of this subsection, "raised in Maine" means:23 A. For poultry and poultry products, that the poultry was raised solely in the State
24 from no later than the 7th day after hatching and processed solely in the State; and25 B. For meat and meat products, that the animal was born, raised and processed solely
26 in the State.27 As used in this subsection, "poultry," "poultry product," "meat" and "meat product" have
28 the same meanings as in section 2511.'29 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
30 section number to read consecutively.31 **SUMMARY**32 This amendment, which is the majority report, replaces the bill. It provides that
33 poultry, poultry products, meat and meat products labeled or advertised as Maine-raised
34 or by a similar designation are considered misbranded if offered for sale, sold or

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2 distributed within the State unless the poultry or animals were raised in Maine, as defined
3 in the amendment. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may
4 grant a waiver of the determination that such poultry, poultry products, meat and meat
5 products are misbranded upon consideration of economic factors, including, but not
6 limited to, the proximity of processing facilities to the in-state poultry producer or meat
7 producer and the availability of poultry processing facilities or meat processing facilities
in the State.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 **(See attached)**