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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 888, L.D. 1254, Bill, “An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in All State Institutions”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §213, as amended by PL 2005, c. 382, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

§213. Implementation of state policy to purchase foodstuffs from Maine concerns

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and assuming reasonable similarity in quality, quantity and availability with other foodstuffs offered for sale, state or school purchasers shall buy meat, fish, dairy products, ~~excluding~~ including milk and eggs, and species of fruits and fresh vegetables, directly from Maine food producers or from food brokers who assist in the distribution of foodstuffs produced or harvested by Maine food producers. In the event that more than one producer, broker or wholesaler can supply a given foodstuff, the institutional or school purchaser may require competitive bidding.

3. Implementation schedule. The following percentages of foodstuffs purchased by a state or school purchaser, except for a school purchaser at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220 (2007), must come directly from Maine food producers or food brokers who assist in the distribution of foodstuffs produced or harvested by Maine food producers:

- A. By December 31, 2020, at least 15%;
- B. By December 31, 2024, at least 20%;
- C. By December 31, 2034, at least 25%; and
- D. By December 31, 2035, at least 35%.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §215, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 608, §2, is amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

