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**An Act To Require the Labeling of Foods Made with  
Nanotechnology**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: FOLEY of Biddeford,  
MAXMIN of Nobleboro, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco, PLUECKER of  
Warren, ROBERTS-LOVELL of South Berwick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 101, sub-c. 8** is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 8**

4 **LABELS FOR FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS MADE WITH**  
5 **NANOTECHNOLOGY**

6 **§530-B. Labels for food or food products made with nanotechnology**

7 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
8 following terms have the following meanings.

9 A. "Nanotechnology" means technology to control matter with dimensions of less  
10 than 100 nanometers, especially the manipulation of individual atoms and molecules.

11 **2. Labeling required.** A label must be placed on any food or food product offered  
12 for sale in the State made with the use of nanotechnology. The label must:

13 A. Contain a clear and concise statement that discloses the use of nanotechnology in  
14 production of the food or food product; and

15 B. Be conspicuously and prominently placed in order to be easily seen by the  
16 consumer.

17 **3. Enforcement.** If inspection personnel of the department find that food or a food  
18 product is not properly labeled as required by this section, the commissioner shall issue a  
19 stop order for the food or food product until it is labeled in accordance with this section.

20 The department shall adopt rules implementing this section. Rules adopted pursuant  
21 to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
22 2-A.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires that a label be placed on any food or food product offered for sale in  
25 the State made with the use of nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is the branch of  
26 technology concerned with the control of matter with dimensions of less than 100  
27 nanometers, especially the manipulation of individual atoms and molecules.