



HOUSE BILL No. 4334

February 7, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Randall, Gnodtke, McBryde, Alley, Dalman, Gernaat and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

A bill to set standards for certain syrup sold in the state of Michigan; to provide for certain powers for certain state agencies; to provide for issuance of certain seals; and to provide for remedies and penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. A person shall not sell, offer or display for sale,
2 or possess with intent to sell maple syrup in retail packages
3 unless that syrup conforms to the United States standards for
4 table maple sirup prescribed in 7 C.F.R. 52.5961 to 52.5967.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The department of agriculture shall enforce
6 this act in the same manner as the Michigan food law of 1968, Act
7 No. 39 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 289.701 to
8 289.727 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

9 (2) The department of agriculture may promulgate rules
10 pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act

1 No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to
2 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, to provide for the issuance
3 of a seal of quality for maple syrup meeting or exceeding the
4 standards imposed in this act and to administer and enforce this
5 act.

6 (3) If the department of agriculture provides for the issu-
7 ance of a seal of quality for maple syrup, use of the seal of
8 quality in a manner inconsistent with the rules promulgated by
9 the department shall be considered a violation of this act.

10 Sec. 3. A person who violates this act or a rule promul-
11 gated under this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
12 imprisonment for not more than 90 days, a fine of not more than
13 \$100.00, or both.

14 Sec. 4. In addition to the penalties otherwise provided in
15 this act, the department of agriculture may apply to circuit
16 court for injunctive relief restraining any person from violating
17 this act or a rule promulgated pursuant to this act, irrespective
18 of whether an adequate remedy at law exists.