

House Joint Resolution 24

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24
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 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE
 7 DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK TO AMEND ITS MILK FRESHNESS DATING
 8 RULES.

9 WHEREAS, in times of inflationary and recessionary
 10 economic trends, government must be careful not to impose
 11 additional regulatory burdens upon the private sector which
 12 increase the cost of doing business; and

13 WHEREAS, the Department of Livestock has adopted
 14 certain administrative rules requiring certain liquid milk
 15 product packages to be labeled with a date, to a maximum of
 16 12 days following pasteurization or bottling, beyond which
 17 the milk may not be offered for sale; and

18 WHEREAS, the rule of the Department of Livestock allows
 19 the Department to seize and destroy any liquid milk product
 20 offered for sale beyond the required date; and

21 WHEREAS, the effect of the 12-day limitation contained
 22 in the rule is to place additional burdens upon those
 23 businesses selling liquid milk products covered by the rule
 24 in that additional employee time must be used to remove and
 25 destroy outdated milk and the loss of the sale of such milk

1 must be absorbed by such business; and
 2 WHEREAS, it is easy for consumers to determine if milk
 3 is unpalatable or unfit to drink, and such milk is not
 4 dangerous to the public health, and most businesses selling
 5 unpalatable milk offer the purchaser a refund of his money.
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 7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 8 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 9 That the Department of Livestock is directed to amend
 10 the milk freshness dating rules adopted by it to prohibit
 11 the sale of milk after the 14th day following the date of
 12 pasteurization or bottling.

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