STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

AN ACT prohibiting unfair trade practices in the production and sale of milk and dairy products.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Unfair Trade Practices. Amend RSA 434 by inserting after section 56 the following new section:

434:56-a Unfair Trade Practices.

I. The commissioner shall have power, after notice and hearing, to prohibit unfair methods of competition and unfair trade practices in the receiving, purchase, transportation, handling, distribution, or sale of milk products upon finding that such methods of competition and trade practices are inimical to the welfare of the dairy industry and the public.

II. A retail price for milk that is 150 percent higher than the minimum price paid to dairy producers, as provided in RSA 434:56, shall be prima facie evidence of an unfair trade practice.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2004.