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**An Act to Require the Issuance of Maine Agricultural Fair Licenses
Every 4 Years**

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HALL of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Windham, JACKSON of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §83, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to
3 read:

4 **2. Issuance of license.** If satisfied that an applicant will comply or, if an applicant has
5 previously held a license, that the applicant has complied and will continue to comply with
6 the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the
7 commissioner may issue a license to the applicant for an agricultural fair. A license is issued
8 for ~~3~~ 4 consecutive years and only for the dates assigned by the commissioner in accordance
9 with section 84.

10 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §84, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to
11 read:

12 **1. Assigned fair dates.** The commissioner shall set the dates for which an agricultural
13 fair license is effective in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to section 82, subsection
14 5. No later than May 15th of the calendar year preceding the first year of each ~~3-year~~ 4-year
15 license period, the commissioner shall announce the assignment of fair dates and issuance
16 of licenses.

17 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §86, sub-§7, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended
18 to read:

19 A. Upon receiving an initial license, spend a minimum of \$750 per year on premiums
20 for ~~3~~ 4 years for displays of agricultural products, excluding premiums for equine and
21 ox pulling contests and farm tractor and pickup truck pulling contests; and

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill changes the term of issuance for an agricultural fair license from 3 years to 4
24 years.