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Agriculture

BILL SUMMARY



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- SUMMARY: Proposed a significant change in price setting procedure by allowing direct use of actual cost data and by not requiring the use of a theoretical model in determining the lowest achievable price for milk. Other changes were proposed as well to enable the Maine Milk Commission to avoid frequent litigation.
- 532 AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HAR- Michael ENACT. PL 75
 NESS RACING COMMISSION
- SUMMARY: Requires legislative review and confirmation of gubernatorial appointments to the Maine Harness Racing Commission. House Amendment "B" affixed an Emergency Preamble.
- 553 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE Violette LV/WD POTATO BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
- 619 AN ACT TO CREATE A FUND TO ENCOURAGE Erwin ENACTED LOCAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS
- SUMMARY: Establishes a fund to promote innovative conservation projects on a competitive basis through Maine's 16 soil and water conservation districts.
- 675 AN ACT CONCERNING DATES FOR HARNESS Trafton ENACT. PL 196
 RACING
- SUMMARY: Classifies section of law dealing with issuance of licenses for harness racing sponsored by agricultural associations at fairs and it requires the Harness Racing Commission to set dates for racing a year in advance by December 15th.
- 683 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOIL AND WATER Lisnik ENACT. PL 99
 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS' LAW
- SUMMARY: Allows soil and water conservation districts to provide services to owners of "timberland" and resolves a contradiction related to terms of office for elected members of the soil & water conservation commissions.
- AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY Drinkwater ENACT. IN NEW MINIMUM FINES ON ACRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY PRODUCTS THEFT PL 362
- SUMMARY: Stipulates that unauthorized taking (theft) of agricultural product from a farm is a punishable offense, and the victim may be entitled to restitution for damages.
- 748 AN ACT CONCERNING LOOSE WOOD Dexter LV/WD MEASUREMENT