

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARY



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426 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MAINE MILK COMMISSION Carpenter INDEF PP

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 HARNESS RACING COMMISSION Michael ENACT. PL 75

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 POTATO BLOSSOM FESTIVAL Violette LV/WD

619 AN ACT TO CREATE A FUND TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS Erwin ENACTED

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 RACING Trafton ENACT. PL 196

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 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS' LAW Lisnik ENACT. PL 99

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.

684 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY MINIMUM FINES ON AGRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY PRODUCTS THEFT Drinkwater ENACT. IN NEW DRAFT, NEW TITLE, 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 MEASUREMENT Dexter LV/WD