# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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#### STATE OF MAINE

# ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

# Agriculture

# BILL SUMMARY



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967 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NUMERICAL Brown, L. LV/WD WHOLE LIFE FACTOR TO BE PLACED VOLUNTARILY ON FOOD ITEMS SOLD AT THE RETAIL LEVEL IN MAINE

969 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING Wood ENACTED/NO
THE COMMISSIONER OF ACRICULTURE, FOOD APPROPRIATION
AND RURAL RESOURCES TO PROMOTE REGIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE
DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY: Would establish a \$25,000 fund to match money from other New England states and Eastern Canadian provinces for the purpose of developing projects which strengthen the agricultural sector of the region. Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to form a Regional Agricultural Committee to review project proposals and approve distribution of state funds for matching purposes.

997 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF Lisnik LV/WD TAXING POTATOES

1022 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM Brown, L. OTP IN NEW DRAFT, UNSAFE PESTICIDE USE LD 1602

SUMMARY: Requires the Board of Pesticides Control to define what chemical trespass is and to review the effects of chemical pesticides according to a determined schedule. The board is also charged with the responsibilities to review health and environmental effects of pesticide use using available information whenever possible. House Amendment carries a \$40,000 funding request.

1101 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING Hall OTP/APP TABLE TO TRANSPORTATION OR CUTTING OF CHRISTMAS TREES

SUMMARY: Strengthens the enforcement provisions related to Xmas trees and allows state, county and local enforcement officials to insure that the law is observed.

1125 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL DISCLO- Michael ENACT PL 1983
SURE OF INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL
LAND IN MAINE

CHAP 396

SUMMARY: Requires corporations and partnerships, which are not family farm corporations or farm partnerships, to file an annual report to the Department of Agriculture providing information regarding ownership of agricultural land in Maine.

1167 AN ACT TO PERMIT COMPENSATION TO Daggett ENACT. PL 103
BE PAID TO BEEKEEPERS FOR DAMAGE
DONE BY BEARS

SUMMARY: See LD 282.