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> JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1984

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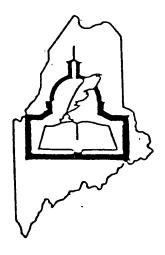
# STATE OF MAINE

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BILL SUMMARY



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### BILLS ENACTED

1835AN ACT PROHIBITING RELEASEHichensOTP-NDOF ANIMALS BY STATE HUMANEPL 1983, C. 621AGENTS FOR EXPERIMENTATION ORVIVISECTION PURPOSES

SUMMARY: Replaced by LD 2052. See LD 2052.

- 2028RESOLVE, ESTABLISHING A FOODOTPPOLICY FOR MAINEPL 1983, C. 51
- SUMMARY: Establishes a Food Policy for Maine which was drafted after an extensive study by the Agriculture Committee in off-session which documented Maine's heavy reliance on imported food from other states (70%) and which determined Maine's food production potential. The food policy acknowledged the contribution that agriculture makes to Maine's economy and community life, and it encourages more production of food which can be grown efficiently and competitively.
- 2052AN ACT PROHIBITING RELEASE OF<br/>ANIMALS BY STATE HUMANE AGENTSOTP-ND<br/>PL 1983, C. 621FOR EXPERIMENTATION OR VIVI-<br/>SECTION PURPOSESSECTION PURPOSES
- SUMMARY: Prohibits the transfer of animals from humane societies, shelters, and animal care centers to laboratories and medical centers for the purpose of vivisection and experimentation.
- 2149AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES IN Erwin, E.OTPTHE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONINGPL 1983, C. 834OF THE HARNESS RACING COMMISSIONPL 1983, C. 834
- SUMMARY: Increases membership on the Harness Racing Commission from 3 to 5 Commissioners with the added condition that appointments made by the Governor shall reflect broad geographic distribution of the State. An additional appropriation of \$7,200 is included to meet added expenses for a larger Commission. Section 3 of the bill was striken by House Amendment 600 which would have allowed the Harness Racing Commission to avoid consideration of minor, frivolous appeals concerning rule infractions.