

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 864 An Act Concerning the Restraint of Dogs That Pose a Public Risk**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NUTTING	ONTP	MAJ
TARDY	OTP-AM	MIN
LOOK		
BERUBE		

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to expedite the process by which an owner could be ordered to restrain a dog and to impose more stringent control requirements for dogs considered dangerous. The minority report (H-112) amended the bill by using the term "local law enforcement officer" to designate who decides if a dog poses an immediate threat to the public. The minority report would have limited acceptable control to confinement within a dwelling or an enclosure.

**LD 907 An Act to Prevent Damage to Agricultural Crops, Beehives and Livestock Caused by Wildlife and to Compensate Agricultural Producers for Losses**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LOOK	LV/WD	
NUTTING		
TWITCHELL		
WEBSTER		

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed the establishment of a comprehensive Wild Animal Damage Prevention Program and a Wild Animal Damage Claim Program. Agricultural commodity producers who participated in the prevention program and sustained losses to livestock, beehives or crops would have been eligible for compensation under the Wild Animal Damage Claim Program. The bill proposed funding the programs from an assessment of 50 cents on each hunting license issued. Only producers who allowed hunting on their land would have been eligible for the program.

**LD 1013 An Act to Amend the Qualification of Blueberry Producers Associations in the Maine Agriculture Marketing and Bargaining Act of 1973**

**PUBLIC 116**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TARDY	OTP	
VOSE		
CONLEY		
FARREN		

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes qualification requirements for blueberry growers the same as those for other agricultural producers. For an agricultural producer organization to qualify under the Maine Agriculture Marketing and Bargaining Act of 1973 it must represent 51% of the volume or produce at least 1/2 of the volume of a particular agricultural product for a specific handler involved with those products.