

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

House Amendment "A" (H-571) to Committee Amendment "A", required the state inspector to have "reasonable cause to believe an area is infested before inspecting the area." It also provided for due process by stating that notice and an opportunity for a hearing must be provided prior to ordering infested nursery stock destroyed or returned.

**LD 1352     An Act to Increase the Late Fee for Dog Licenses**

**PUBLIC 264**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RUHLIN TUPPER MORRISON BOST	OTP-AM	H-272

**SUMMARY**

The original bill proposed to increase fees for licensing dogs and allocate the increased fee among the municipal clerk, the municipal animal control officer and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. Committee Amendment "A" (H-272) changed the title of the bill to 'An Act to Increase the Late Fee for Dog Licenses'. This amendment replaced the original bill. Instead of raising registration fees, it increases the additional fee charged for late registrations from \$4 to \$6. The purpose of this change is to encourage registration.

**LD 1378     An Act to Change the Geographic Representation of the Maine Potato Board**

**PUBLIC 190**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PINES EMERSON BOWERS BELL	OTP-AM	H-194

**SUMMARY**

This bill as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-194) changes the geographic representation of the Maine Potato Board by adding the towns of Crystal, Dyer Brooks, Hersey, Island Falls, Merrill, Oakfield, and Smyrna to District 6. The original bill proposed to add, in addition to these towns, the towns of Patten and Sherman.

**LD 1549     An Act to Make Maine Milk Laws Conform to Federal Laws**

**PUBLIC 266**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TARDY	OTP-AM	H-271

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes technical corrections to the laws governing the Maine Milk Commission and the Maine Milk Pool to reflect the establishment of a new Class III price classification in the federal milk price regulations. Committee Amendment "A" (H-271) makes the appropriate correction to an additional section of law and returns language stricken in section 1 of the original bill to current statutory language.