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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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over forestry matters to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature to amend statutes administered and enforced by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission pertaining to timber harvesting activities. Chapter 695 also eliminates any waiting period for road construction activities associated with forest management activities. A permit by rule becomes effective when the Department of Environmental Protection receives notification of the activity as long as the notification is complete and the activity is eligible for a permit by rule.

LD 2666

An Act to Provide for Statewide Standards for Timber Harvesting in Shoreland Areas

**NO ACTION
TAKEN**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2666, which is the minority report, proposed directing the Commissioner of Conservation to adopt rules to establish statewide standards for timber harvesting activities in areas adjacent to rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands and tidal waters. See the bill summary for LD 2665. Because LD 2665 was enacted, the Legislature took no action on this bill.

LD 2687

An Act to Implement a Maine Meat and Poultry Inspection Program

PUBLIC 777

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
		H-1119 PIEH S-793 MICHAUD

LD 2687 proposed the establishment of a state meat inspection program.

House Amendment "A" (H-1119) proposed deleting unnecessary language relating to subpoenas issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-793) proposed deappropriating unnecessary funds from the Harness Racing Commission within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and appropriating one-time funding to establish a poultry and meat inspection program.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 777 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to implement a meat and poultry inspection program. It requires the standards of the state program to be at least as stringent as and consistent with the federal meat inspection program. It requires the identification of inspected products. It establishes licensing provisions for categories of people engaged in intrastate commerce with regard to the processing and selling of meat and meat products.