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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

(Filing No. H-531)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1106, L.D. 1395,  
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Agricultural Fairs."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 4 and  
inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 4 7 MRSA §65 is repealed and the following  
enacted in place thereof:

§65. Licensing of exhibitions

No person, agricultural society, association or corporation shall hold, conduct or operate agricultural fairs or agricultural exhibitions for competition for premiums or purses within the State without a license for such purposes and only on dates assigned by the commissioner. The application for said license shall be signed and sworn to by the person or executive officer of a society, association or corporation and shall contain such information as the commissioner may require. All applications for licenses under this section shall be received by the commissioner not later than April 1st of the year of issuance and shall be accompanied by a \$10 license fee. If the commissioner is satisfied that the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner have been and will be complied with by the applicant, he may issue a license for such purpose, which shall expire on December 31st each year.

1. The Commissioner, in approving or disapproving exhibition dates of agricultural fairs under this section, shall not permit 2 or more agricultural fairs to be held simultaneously within a 30-mile radius of each other.

2. Agricultural fairs and exhibitions that have been held on the same date for the past 15 years shall retain the same fair dates at their request and agricultural fairs and exhibitions that are less than 15 years of age and lie within the 30-mile radius of the older established fairs shall be granted nonconflicting fair dates.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate 3 bills on the same subject and to provide a means to promote and protect fairs that are in close proximity to each other.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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