

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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No. 912

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7 S.P. 298

In Senate, February 28, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources  
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

10 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence  
and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Wood of York. JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Cosponsors: Representative Riley of Shapleigh, Senator Perkins of Han-  
cock and Representative Smith of Mars Hill.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Improve the Administration of  
18 Agricultural Fairs.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §62, sub-§2, ¶¶B and C, as  
23 repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 124, §1, are  
24 amended to read:

25 B. Is duly licensed pursuant to section 65; and

26 C. Continues to pay \$750 on premiums yearly for  
27 an ~~agriculture~~ agricultural display of the prod-  
28 ucts of agriculture exclusive of those for horse  
29 and ox pulling contests; ; and

30 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §62, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

1 D. Continues to satisfactorily conduct an agri-  
2 cultural fair in accordance with agricultural  
3 fair performance standards established by the  
4 commissioner in a manner consistent with the  
5 Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,  
6 chapter 375.

7 Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §65, first ¶, as amended by PL  
8 1977, c. 694, §43, is repealed and the following  
9 enacted in its place:

10 No person, agricultural society, association or  
11 corporation may hold, conduct or operate agricultural  
12 fairs or agricultural exhibitions for competition for  
13 premiums or purses within the State without a license  
14 for those purposes and only on dates assigned by the  
15 commissioner. The application for the license shall  
16 be signed and sworn to by the person or executive  
17 officer of a society, association or corporation and  
18 shall contain such information as the commissioner  
19 may require. All fair licenses shall be for a period  
20 of 3 calendar years following the date of the appli-  
21 cation. Applications for licenses under this section  
22 shall be received by the commissioner not later than  
23 December 1st prior to the period during which the  
24 fair is to be held and shall be accompanied by a \$10  
25 license fee. If the commissioner is satisfied that  
26 the requirements of this chapter and the rules pre-  
27 scribed by the commissioner have been and will be  
28 complied with by the applicant, he may issue a li-  
29 cence for that purpose and, in a manner consistent  
30 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,  
31 chapter 375, set the dates for which the license is  
32 effective.

33 Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §65-A is enacted to read:

34 §65-A. Requests for changes in dates

35 An agricultural society licensed to conduct an  
36 agricultural fair may, within 6 months of the date of  
37 its license, petition the commissioner for a change  
38 in the dates assigned. Upon receipt of the petition,  
39 the commissioner shall reconsider the dates assigned,  
40 following the same procedure by which the dates were  
41 originally assigned, and shall render a decision  
42 within 15 calendar days.

