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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Reported by: Senator Kilkelly

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 85, L.D. 265, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Maine Apiary Laws"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "50¢" and inserting in its place the following: '50¢ \$2'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "each year." the following: 'A license may be issued for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Licenses for a period in excess of one year may be issued only with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year license is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year license is 3 times the annual fee.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§2754." in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "50¢" and inserting in its place the following: '50¢ \$2'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>REVENUES</b>		
General Fund	(\$3,400)	(\$3,400)
Other Funds	3,400	3,400

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

R. O. S.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 85, L.D. 265

2           The dedication of certain licensing and registration fees  
will reduce annual General Fund revenue by at least \$3,400 and  
4           increase dedicated revenues collected by the Department of  
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources by the same amount  
6           beginning in fiscal year 1997-98.

8           Increasing the statutory cap for certain apiary licenses may  
increase dedicated revenue collected by the Department of  
10          Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources on an annual basis by a  
maximum of \$87,874 beginning in fiscal year 1997-98.

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14          If certain licensed beekeepers decide to purchase licenses  
that are valid for up to 3 years the collection of dedicated  
revenue could shift between fiscal years, possibly increasing  
16          revenue in the first year of implementation but decreasing it in  
the following 2 years. Over any 3-year period, the net  
18          difference in total dedicated revenues collected over the period  
is not expected to be significant. The department may also  
20          realize some minor administrative savings from lower license  
processing costs.'

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**SUMMARY**

26          This amendment changes the maximum per colony fees allowed  
for licensing of persons owning honeybees and registration of  
28          colonies of bees. It also allows the Department of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Resources to issue licenses to beekeepers for  
30          periods of one, 2 or 3 years. This amendment also adds a fiscal  
note to the bill.