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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 714, L.D. 978, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for a period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in its place the following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Registrations for a period in excess of one year may only be issued with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year registration is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year registration is 3 times the annual fee'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the first paragraph in the 10th and 11th lines (page 1, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for a period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in its place the following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Registrations for a period in excess of one year may only be issued with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year registration is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year registration is 3 times the annual fee'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2 in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for a period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in its place the following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Licenses for a period in excess of one year may only be issued 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'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated  
3 "~~§2222.~~" in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2,  
4 lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for a  
5 period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in its place the  
6 following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Licenses  
7 for a period in excess of one year may only be issued with the  
8 agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a  
9 2-year license is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year  
10 license is 3 times the annual fee'

11 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5.

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13 Further amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in the  
14 last line (page 2, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the  
15 following: "for a period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in  
16 its place the following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year  
17 period. Registrations for a period in excess of one year may  
18 only be issued with the agreement of or at the request of the  
19 applicant. The fee for a 2-year registration is 2 times the  
20 annual fee. The fee for a 3-year registration is 3 times the  
21 annual fee'

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23 Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated  
24 "~~§2501.~~" in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 3,  
25 lines 17 and 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for a  
26 period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in its place the  
27 following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Licenses  
28 for a period in excess of one year may only be issued with the  
29 agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a  
30 2-year license is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year  
31 license is 3 times the annual fee'

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33 Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated  
34 "~~§2651.~~" in the first paragraph in the last line (page 3, line 34  
35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for a period not to  
36 exceed 3 years" and inserting in its place the following: 'for a  
37 one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Registrations for a period in  
38 excess of one year may only be issued with the agreement of or at  
39 the request of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year registration  
40 is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year registration is  
41 3 times the annual fee'

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43 Further amend the bill in section 10 in subsection 2 in the  
44 5th line (page 4, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the  
45 following: "for a period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in  
46 its place the following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year  
47 period. Licenses for a period in excess of one year may only be  
48 issued with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant.  
49 The fee for a 2-year license is 2 times the annual fee. The fee  
50 for a 3-year license is 3 times the annual fee'

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2 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 11 and  
inserting in its place the following:

4 'Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §2168, sub-§§1 and 2, as enacted by PL 1989,  
6 c. 888, §7, are amended to read:

8 1. **Application and renewal.** Each application for, or  
renewal of, a license to operate a food establishment must be  
10 accompanied by a fee, based on the number of employees as follows:

- 12 A. For 0 to 10 employees, \$10 annually;
- 14 B. For 11 to 25 employees, \$30 annually; and
- 16 C. For 26 or more employees, \$100 annually.

18 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 only be issued  
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.

24 2. **Food salvage.** Each application for, or renewal of, a  
license to operate a food salvage establishment or to act as a  
26 salvage broker must be accompanied by a fee, not to exceed \$30  
annually, determined by the commissioner. 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 only be issued 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.'

34 Further amend the bill in section 12 in the first paragraph  
in the 2nd line (page 4, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the  
36 following: "a period not to exceed 3 years" and inserting in its  
place the following: 'a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period.  
38 Licenses for a period in excess of one year may only be issued  
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'

42 Further amend the bill in section 13 in the first paragraph  
in the last 2 lines (page 5, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking  
44 out the following: "for a period not to exceed 3 years" and  
inserting in its place the following: 'for a one-year, 2-year or  
3-year period. Licenses for a period in excess of one year may  
only be issued 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'

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 13 the  
following:

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6 'Sec. 14. Report on multi-year licensing. No later than February  
8 15, 2000, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
10 Resources shall report to the joint standing committee of the  
12 Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters on the  
14 issuance of multi-year licenses and registrations. The report  
must provide information specific to each license or registration  
authorized for multi-year issuance in this Act, including the  
number of licenses and registrations issued for one-year, 2-year  
and 3-year periods. The report must also offer an assessment of  
efficiencies realized or difficulties encountered in implementing  
the multi-year licenses and registrations.'

16 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
18 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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

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26 **FISCAL NOTE**

28 If applicants for certain licenses and registrations request  
licensure or registration for up to a 3-year period from the  
30 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources the  
collection of General Fund and dedicated revenue will shift  
32 between fiscal years, possibly increasing revenue in the first  
year of implementation but decreasing it in the following 2  
years. Over any 3-year period, the net difference in total  
34 revenues collected over the period is not expected to be  
significant.

36 The department may also realize some minor administrative  
38 savings from lower license and registration processing costs.'

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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This amendment prohibits the Department of Agriculture, Food  
and Rural Resources from requiring that licenses be issued for a  
46 period of 3 years. An applicant would have to agree to or  
request issuance for more than one year. It clarifies that the  
fee for multi-year licenses and registrations is based on the  
48 annual fee. It also requires the Commissioner of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Resources to report back to the Legislature by

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2 February 15, 2000 on the transition to multi-year licenses. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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