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House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

**An Act to Improve Licensing Efficiency within the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.**

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FOSTER of Gray.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2169, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 454, §11, is further amended to read:

6 A license is issued for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year
8 period. Licenses for a period in excess of one year may only be
10 issued with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant.
12 The fee for a 2-year license is 2 times the annual fee. The fee
14 for a 3-year license is 3 times the annual fee. The prescribed
16 fee must accompany the application for license. Licenses may be
18 renewed upon application and payment of the fees, subject to the
commissioner's rules and regulations. After July 1, 2000, each
license or license renewal expires on December 31st. If a
license is issued for less than or more than 12 months, then the
fee is decreased or increased proportionately. Licenses
erroneously issued by the commissioner are considered void and
must be returned to the commissioner on demand.

20 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2169, 3rd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 672,
22 Pt. A, §56, is repealed.

24 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1851, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410,
Pt. S, §4, is further amended to read:

26 ~~All such licenses run for the current year until the 30th~~
28 ~~day of June following the date of the issuance, on which date,~~
After July 1, 2000, each license or license renewal expires on
30 December 31st or on the date provided by the provisions of the
Maine Administrative Procedure Act as to license expiration,
32 whichever date is later, ~~they terminate~~ unless sooner revoked as
34 provided in section 1802, ~~and must be renewed annually thereafter~~
subject always to such revocation. If a license is issued for
less than or more than 12 months, then the fee is decreased or
increased proportionately.

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill will change expiration dates for licenses issued
42 by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for
food or food salvage establishments or beverage manufacturing or
44 bottling to coincide with the calendar year. This will allow the
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to improve
46 efficiency by issuing one license to entities licensed for
multiple functions.