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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 284, L.D. 995, Bill, "An
Act to Change the Dates for Licensing of Agricultural Fairs and
Exhibitions"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the
following:

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'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §65, as amended by PL 1983, c. 180, §3, is
further amended to read:

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§65. Licensing of exhibitions

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No A person, agricultural society, association or
corporation may not hold, conduct or operate agricultural fairs
or agricultural exhibitions for competition for premiums or
purses within the State without a license for those purposes and
only on dates assigned by the commissioner. The application for
the license shall must be signed and sworn to by the person or
executive officer of a society, association or corporation and
shall must contain such information as the commissioner may
require. ~~All fair licenses shall be for a period of 3 calendar
years following the date of the application. Applications for
licenses under this section shall be received by the commissioner
not later than November 15th prior to the period during which the
fair is to be held and shall be accompanied by a \$10 license fee.
Assignment of fair dates by the Department of Agriculture, Feed
and Rural Resources shall be announced by December 15th for the
3-year period.~~ A person applying for a license under this

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 section must submit the completed application and a \$10 license
3 fee to the commissioner no later than March 31st in the calendar
4 year preceding the first year of the license. All fair licenses
5 are issued for 3 calendar years. The commissioner shall announce
6 the assignment of fair dates and issuance of licenses no later
7 than May 15th for each 3-year period. If the commissioner is
8 satisfied that the requirements of this chapter and the rules
9 prescribed by the commissioner have been and will be complied
10 with by the applicant, he the commissioner may issue a license
11 for that purpose and, in a manner consistent with the Maine
12 Administrative Procedure Act, Title-5, -chapter-375, set the dates
13 for which the license is effective.

14 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2003.'

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SUMMARY

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19 This amendment clarifies that an applicant for a fair
20 license must apply for a license by March 31st of the year prior
21 to the first year the license is in effect. It adds an effective
22 date of July 1, 2003.