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S.P. 284

In Senate, February 20, 2001

An Act to Change the Dates for Licensing of Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon and
Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, CRABTREE of Hope.

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

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

6 **§65. Licensing of exhibitions**

8 No A person, agricultural society, association or
10 corporation may not hold, conduct or operate agricultural fairs
or agricultural exhibitions for competition for premiums or
12 purses within the State without a license for those purposes and
only on dates assigned by the commissioner. The application for
14 the license ~~shall~~ must be signed and sworn to by the person or
executive officer of a society, association or corporation and
16 ~~shall~~ must contain such information as the commissioner may
require. All fair licenses ~~shall--be~~ are for a period of 3
18 calendar years following the date of the application.
Applications for licenses under this section ~~shall~~ must be
20 received by the commissioner not later than ~~November--15th~~ March
31st prior to the period during which the fair is to be held and
22 ~~shall~~ must be accompanied by a \$10 license fee. Assignment of
fair dates by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
24 Resources ~~shall~~ must be announced by ~~December~~ May 15th for the
3-year period. If the commissioner is satisfied that the
26 requirements of this chapter and the rules prescribed by the
applicant, ~~he~~ the commissioner may issue a license for that
28 purpose and, in a manner consistent with the Maine Administrative
Procedure Act, ~~Title-5,--chapter-375~~, set the dates for which the
30 license is effective.

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill changes the dates for submission of applications
for a license for an agricultural fair or agricultural exhibition
38 from November 15th prior to the fair or exhibition to March
31st. This bill also changes the date by which the Commissioner
40 of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is required to announce
the assignment of fair dates to May 15th from December 15th.