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History and Final Disposition

LD 725 / SP0242

Original Title: An Act To Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems.
New Title: An Act To Recognize Local Control Regarding Food Systems. Presented by
Sen. JACKSON of Aroostook. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
Government. Public Hearing 04/10/17. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 05/31/17.
Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-74, SA S-136. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed
06/16/17, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 215.

Original Bill

[LD 725 \(128th Legis. 2017\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 725 / PL 2017, c. 215](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-74\) \(LD 725 2017\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA \(S-136\) \(LD 725 2017\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

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[SENATE, March 7, 2017 \(S200-213\)](#)

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[HOUSE, March 9, 2017 \(H198-206\)](#)

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[SENATE, May 9, 2017 \(S555-580\)](#)

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- p. S-738 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) S-74, S-136)

[HOUSE, May 25, 2017 \(H620-635\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 5, 2017 \(H720-748\)](#)

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[SENATE, June 6, 2017 \(S891-916\)](#)

- p. S-907 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) S-74, S-136)

[HOUSE, October 23, 2017 \(H1188-1207\)](#)

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News Articles

Proposed bill could advance food sovereignty movement in Maine (Julia Bayly) (Bangor Daily News, 3/4/2017, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/B1703046.pdf)

Proposed bill could advance food sovereignty movement in Maine (Julia Bayly) (Bangor Daily News, 6/5/2017, p. C1, C3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/BDN 170605G.pdf)

LePage signs food sovereignty law, the first of its kind in the nation (Julia Bayly) (Bangor Daily News, 6/21/2017, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/BDN 170621A.pdf)

Fresh from the farm- Maine takes lead in 'food sovereignty' movement (Mary Pols) (Portland Press Herald, 6/21/2017, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/PPH 170621C.pdf)

New law solidifies 'home rule' for local food ordinances (Anne Berleant) (Castine Patriot, 6/22/2017, p. 1, 12) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Clip17690.PDF)

Maine's new food sovereignty law puts local control over local foods (Julia Bayly) (Bangor Daily News, 7/3/2017, p. C1, C2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/BDN 170703B.pdf)

Auburn approves first look at food sovereignty ordinance (Andrew Rice) (Sun Journal, 8/8/2017, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Sun Journal 170808B.pdf)

Machias races to join food sovereignty movement (Sarah Craighead Dedmon) (Machias Valley News Observer, 8/9/2017, p. 1, 3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Clip17738.PDF)

New local food ordinances important for Maine farmers (Suzanne Dunham) (Sun Journal, 8/20/2017, p. C8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Sun Journal 170820B.pdf)

LePage notifies lawmakers he will call them back for special session in fall (Dennis Hoey) (Portland Press Herald, 8/30/2017, p. C1, C5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/PPH 170831D.pdf)

LePage calls for emergency legislative session after feds talk at Maine food sovereignty law (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 8/31/2017, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on

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Work to 'stay the course' on food sovereignty (Heather Retberg) (Castine Patriot, 9/7/2017, p. 5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Clip17656.PDF)

Food sovereignty bill heads back to Legislature (Anne Berleant) (Castine Patriot, 9/7/2017, p. 1, 12) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Clip17745.PDF)

Food sovereignty should not mean a weakening of safety standards (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 9/8/2017, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/BDN 170908D.pdf)

Food sovereignty on hold in Freeport (Julieta Laaka) (Times Record, 9/27/2017, p. A1, A10) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Times Record 170927A.pdf)

Striking a balance to protect food safety and the rights of small farmers and communities (Jim Dill) (Lincoln News, 9/28/2017, p. 14) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Clip17670.PDF)

Special legislative session begins Oct 23 (Dana Dow) (Boothbay Register, 10/19/2017, p. Sec. I, p. 2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/Boothbay Register 171019A.pdf)

Food law leaves Maine meat producers squealing for a fix (Mary Pols) (Portland Press Herald, 10/19/2017, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD07xx/nc128-LD-0725/PPH 171019A.pdf)

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