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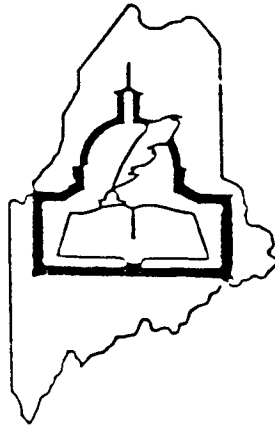
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

The Potato Price Stabilization Program was established by the Legislature in 1983, by Public Law 1983, chapter 582, to address the problem of fluctuations in potato prices which cause severe instability in the industry. The Legislature had authorized the program for a test period, with a repeal provision effective June 1, 1986.

LD: 959 AN ACT CONCERNING DOGS RUNNING AT-LARGE MURPHY E
ND: 181 FARNUM
HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 47
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

It clarifies the intent of the original bill by making the owner of the dog responsible for a dog running-at-large and by stipulating a specific monetary penalty.

LD: 1014 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR INSURING MICHAEL
EMERGENCY THE SAFE RETURN AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF ERWIN E
RESTRICTED PESTICIDE CONTAINERS BLACK
PARENT
OTP HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 54
GOV EMER SIGNED

SUMMARY:

Enacted as an emergency piece of legislation, this law clarifies the authority of the Board of Pesticides Control to collect and return deposits on limited and restricted use pesticides purchased out-of-state and brought into Maine for use in Maine.

This authority was not explicitly granted in "The Act to Provide for the Return and Proper Disposal of Containers," enacted by the Legislature in Public Law 1983, chapter 542. An emergency preamble is required because certain provisions of chapter 542 take effect April 1, 1985.

Section 1 provides:

1. That pesticide containers purchased out-of-state, but held or used within the State, are included in the scope of the enabling legislation for the Pesticides Containers Program;
2. That the Board of Pesticides Control establish the deposit for containers purchased out-of-state;
3. That the board collect the deposits for these containers not sold by dealers in the State;

4. That the person holding containers purchased out-of-state affix to the container the sticker provided by the board;
5. That the board charge a fee for the cost of producing and distributing the stickers; and
6. That the board, or its designated agent, refund the deposit for those containers purchased out-of-state.

Section 2 fulfills the requirement of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1471-Q, subsection 3, that the Legislature adopt rules of the board establishing fees for container deposits.

LD: 1105	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF SEED POTATOES	ERWIN E LISNIK CROUSE
OTP-AM	HOUSE Emerg. Enacted SENATE Emerg. Enacted GOV EMER UNSIGNED	PUBLIC CH # 184
S-63	CA	H S

SUMMARY:

This law amends the statute pertaining to minimum standards for planting seed potatoes in the State by requiring that all seed planted must have been certified in accordance with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. It gives the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources the power to issue subpoenas to potato growers to compel them to deliver reports and records to confirm the kind of seed planted and it authorizes the department to formulate rules designed to increase enforcement capability. Finally, it also changes the penalty for violation of the law from \$20 and a maximum of \$100 an acre.

LD: 1120	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF THE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION TO LICENSE PARI-MUTUEL MEETS AND ASSIGN RACING DATES	MCCOLLISTER DAGGETT TARDY PARENT
OTP-AM	HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV	
H-162	CA MAJ REP	H S
H-163	CB MIN REP	
H-443	CA MCCOLLISTER	
H-444	CA MICHAEL	
H-448	CA MICHAEL	H S

SUMMARY:

This law confirms and amplifies upon the authority of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission to award racing dates to qualified applicants under existing law. The original bill listed the criteria by which racing dates are to be assigned and specifically included among them guidelines for