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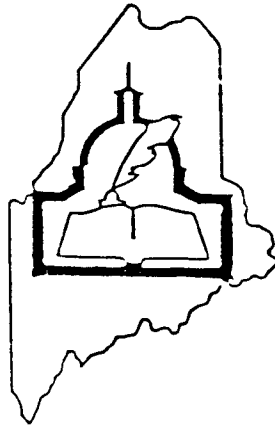
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE
BILL SUMMARY



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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.

provisions related to budget and county taxes and to make accurate reference to titles of programs and institutions.

LD: 1557 AN ACT TO LIMIT PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING TO MCCOLLISTER
EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This was a proposal to limit harness racing wagering to agricultural fair associations only. The cotention of the sponsor was that wagering at harness racing meets appeared to be cutting into potential revenue from the State lottery.

LD: 1563 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF BOTANICAL MICHAEL
EMERGENCY PESTICIDES IN THE PRODUCTION OF FOODS LABELED MCCOLLISTER
OR ADVERTISED AS ORGANIC BRAGG
OTP HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 329
GOV EMER SIGNED

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this law is to allow the use of botanical pesticides in the production of foods labeled or advertised as organic, organically grown or biologically grown. The sponsors of the bill were interested in bringing Maine's organic labeling law into closer compliance with the practices suggested by the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements and other organizations representing organic growers.

LD: 1572 AN ACT TO REVISE RULES GOVERNING CERTIFICATION TARDY
OF SEED POTATOES

ND: 303

HOUSE Other
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

SUMMARY:

This new draft which was accepted in committee after much discussion and negotiation allows the Commissioner to designate an experimental seed potato category for varieties and seedlings which are not derived from the State's seed potato farm or another known nuclear seed generated source. An extended "flush-out" program is established for experimental varieties of seed potatoes.