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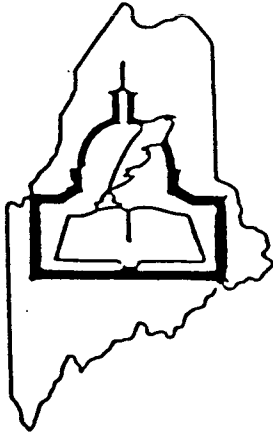
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BILL SUMMARY



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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF COOPERATIVES  
1832 UNDER THE MAINE MILK POOL

PL 1985  
c. 646

Sponsor: PRAY, Armstrong, Carpenter, Whitcomb  
Committee Report:

S-439 ERWIN H S

SUMMARY: In establishing the Maine Milk Pool in 1983, the Legislature provided a limited exemption for agricultural cooperatives which met certain criteria. The Milk Study Panel which studied regulatory options for the marketing of milk in Maine last fall warned that the exemption threatened the fairness and equity of the milk marketing system in Maine and recommended that the exemption be tightened up or eliminated so that that system continues to serve all Maine producers fairly. This law permits those agricultural cooperative producer-dealers which obtained their exempt status in reliance on present law to retain that status but a cap is placed upon the amount of production (5 million lbs per month) generated by a producer-dealer which may be exempt. It provides that there will be no more exemptions in the future, thereby protecting the integrity of the milk marketing system.

LD AN ACT REVISING THE MANDATORY VACCINATION  
1991 REQUIREMENT FOR LIVESTOCK

PL 1985  
c. 545

Sponsor: DAGGETT, Michael, Tardy, Black  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1726

SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 1726 creates 3 exemptions that allows cattle to be sold that have not been vaccinated for brucellosis: (i) cattle which at no time will be sold; (ii) cattle which will be sold only for purposes of immediate slaughter; and (iii) cattle which are to be permanently shipped out of state and which, at the time of shipment, are certified to be free of brucellosis and meet all applicable health requirements of the federal government and of the state or country of destination.

The law also reduces from 20 to 14 months the age at which a vaccinated animal will be classified as a reactor if it shows positive reaction to the brucellosis test.

Since the Federal Government is expected to discontinue providing brucellosis vaccine to states free of the disease as of October 1, 1986, this revision allows the commissioner to establish rules regulating the purchase and use of vaccines, if it is not supplied by the Federal Government.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO USE OF SULFITE AS A FOOD  
1994 PRESERVATIVE

ND LD 2275

Sponsor: PERKINS, Gauvreau, Nelson, Pines  
Committee Report: OTP-ND, ONTP

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 2275.

LD AN ACT TO COORDINATE BOARD OF PESTICIDES  
2091 CONTROL REGISTRATION

PL 1985  
c. 592

Sponsor: PRAY, Black, Tardy, Sherburne  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1699

SUMMARY: This new draft requires the Board of Pesticides Control to act upon an application for registration of a pesticide that has received approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency within 180 days from the date the application is properly submitted to the board. Prior to enactment of this provision, there was no time limit for the board to act upon applications for registration.

An additional sentence is added to insure that the authority of the Board of Pesticides Control is maintained in order to take appropriate action to protect the public health and the environment.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE MARKETING OF MILK IN  
2168 MAINE

INDEF PP (S)  
ONTP (H)

Sponsor: EMERSON, Dutremble, Masterman, Brannigan  
Committee Report: ONTP, OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 2352.