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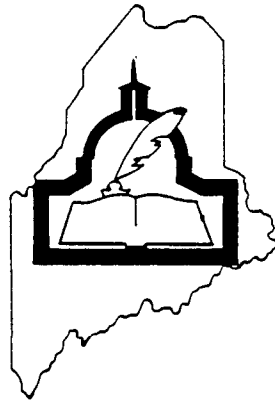
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO ASSURE THAT STATE REGULATION OF LVWD
615 AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS WILL NOT BE MORE
RESTRICTIVE THAN FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Sponsor: TARDY, Black, Matthews Z, Lord
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required that no state regulation related to agricultural chemicals may be more stringent than existing federal regulation.

LD AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW PROHIBITING THE USE OF PL 1987
747 DRUGS IN ANIMALS COMPETING IN PULLING EVENTS. c. 111
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: WEBSTER C, Tardy
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-37 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill prohibits the administration of drugs to animals entered into competitive pulling contests. Committee Amendment "A" (S-37) does allow, however, the administration of therapeutic drugs to animals requiring treatment, provided that the treatment does not unduly affect the performance of the animal in the competition.

LD AN ACT TO RECODIFY THE ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS. ONTP
811

Sponsor: CLARK N, Tardy, Black, Pines
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill is the recodification of the state animal welfare laws, both civil and criminal. It represents the effort of the Animal Welfare Board to organize current law into a more useable text and to remove ambiguities, inconsistencies and duplication. This bill makes no substantive changes in current law. LD 811 was subsequently amalgamated with LD 838, AN ACT to Reform the Animal Welfare Laws, which finally was replaced by LD 1759.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE BEEKEEPERS TO EFFECTIVELY LVWD
823 PROTECT HIVES PLACED IN AREAS WITH DENSE BEAR
POPULATIONS.

Sponsor: CONLEY JR., Baker
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill was to require beekeepers to protect their hives with adequate electric

fencing approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and to prohibit the setting of traps in the near vicinity of beehives to kill bears.

LD 838 AN ACT TO REFORM THE ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS.

ND LD 1759

Sponsor: CLARK N, Black, Tardy, Bragg
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1759

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1759.

LD 839 AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABELING OF MILK.

LVWD

Sponsor: TARDY, Parent, Whitcomb, Nutting
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have required that labels on milk sold in Maine conspicuously name the state in which the milk was processed and packaged.

LD 900 AN ACT TO INSURE CLEAN-UP CAPABILITY BY PERSONS UNDERTAKING MOVEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

ONTP

Sponsor: PARADIS E, Perkins
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill would have required any person using any pesticides, poisons or hazardous chemicals to have sufficient clean-up equipment on hand to clean up any spill. If there is a spill, the person would be required to report it to DEP and to clean it up.

LD 911 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POTATO VARIETIES.

PL 1987
c. 336

Sponsor: MAHANY, Pines, Collins
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-183 COMMITTEE
S-123 DUTREMBLE D

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to encourage the introduction of new potato varieties into Maine by protecting the right of the developer of a new seed variety