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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 2522 An Act to Promote Harmony between Agriculture and Adjacent Development and to Protect the Public Health, Safety and General Welfare **PUBLIC 650 EMERGENCY**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
LISNIK		H-488 NUTTING
NUTTING		H-505 TARDY
RIDLEY		
PERKINS		

SUMMARY

This new draft allows farmers to register their land as farm land at the municipal office, and by doing so, the farmer creates notice for any future neighboring landowner that agricultural chemical may be applied to the registered farmland. Real estate agents are required to disclose the existence of the registered farmland to buyers of abutting property. Land within 150 feet of registered farmland may not be developed in a manner which is inconsistent with the public health or is otherwise incompatible with agricultural uses in the immediate vicinity. Other uses of abutting land, such as for lawns, driveways or other roads and gardens, is not restricted. This new draft does not affect grandfathered, preexisting uses of abutting land and does not affect the rights of farmers to engage in generally accepted agricultural practices.

House Amendment (H-488) requires that the farmland registration and any amendment or withdrawal be, for informational purposes, also recorded in the registry of deeds.

House Amendment (H-505) clarifies the place of registration in the case of farmland located in unorganized territory.

LD 2545 An Act to Assist Agricultural Employers in Complying with Federal Hazard Communication Rules **PUBLIC 660**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
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SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2068

This bill retains the intent of LD 2068 to assist agricultural employers in complying with new federal regulations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration that will require additional training and reporting to be conducted by employers where pesticides are present. The Bureau of Labor Standards is directed to work through the Cooperative Extension Service and will consult with the Board of Pesticides Control in providing this assistance.