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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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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 for 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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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LD 2251

An Act to Provide for Wider Production of Certain Deer for Food

PUBLIC 649

SPONSOR(S)
EMERSON
KILKELLY
NUTTING

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill includes red deer as a species of domesticated deer that may be raised for sale as venison and includes provisions to allow the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to declare other species eligible with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 2332

An Act to Amend the Minimum Standards for Planting Laws

**PUBLIC 783
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
COLLINS
PINES
TARDY
MARTIN H

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-575

SUMMARY

The bill provides that potentially sensitive information on plantings of certified seed potatoes has confidential status and is protected from the provisions of the freedom of access laws, except in case of subpoena in a criminal case or when needed to prosecute a violation of minimum planting standards.

The amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause and a provision that allows growers to authorize release of planting records.

LD 2339

Resolve, Providing for a Study of the Establishment of a Testing Program for the Purity of Agricultural Food Products

RESOLVE 77

SPONSOR(S)
WEBSTER M
LIBBY
EMERSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-977

SUMMARY

The resolve, as amended by the committee amendment, ties a study and report on the need for a food safety testing facility into an on-going study group of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine.

LD 2412

An Act to Provide for a Study of the Harness Racing Industry

**PUBLIC 787
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
TARDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-941

SUMMARY

The bill, as amended by the committee amendment, creates the Commission to Study the Harness Racing