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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

3. The commission may delegate its authority to levy fines and suspensions for particular violations or classes of violations. The commission may delegate this authority to its executive director until July 1, 1992. After July 1, 1992, the commission may delegate this authority to its chair.

See LD 944 under bill summaries for Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs.

LD 469 **An Act Setting Up the Office of Farmland Development Rights** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) MARSH WHITCOMB MCCORMICK ADAMS	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill proposed the establishment of an Office of Farmland Development Rights within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to purchase and coordinate the purchase of development rights on farmland. The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources would have been required to present an operating plan and proposed budget for the Office to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture by January 1, 1992.

LD 568 **An Act to Appropriate Emergency Funds for the Maine Potato Breeding Program** **INDEF PP**

SPONSOR(S) MAHANY PEARSON PARADIS J MACBRIDE	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-193
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SUMMARY

This bill would have appropriated funds from the General Fund to the Maine Potato Breeding Program. Committee Amendment "A" (H-193) added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 605 **An Act to Provide Administrative Oversight of Organic Food Certification in Maine** **PUBLIC 57**

SPONSOR(S) SPEAR NUTTING TITCOMB EMERSON	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-63 TARDY
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SUMMARY

This bill requires organizations offering organic food certification services in Maine to provide the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources with information on certification standards. This bill also authorizes the department to enact rules and conduct investigations to enforce current law. House Amendment "A" (H-63) added a fiscal note to the bill.