

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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:

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

**LD 1163**

**An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Maine Potato Breeding Program**

**INDEF PP**

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>                          | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
| MAHANY<br>PEARSON<br>MACBRIDE<br>PARADIS J | OTP-AM                  | H-168                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have appropriated funds from the General Fund to the Maine Potato Breeding Program.

**LD 1261**

**An Act to Enhance the Integrated Pest Management Capabilities of Agriculture in the State**

**PUBLIC 609**

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>            | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
| DONNELLY<br>PINES<br>COLLINS | OTP-AM                  | H-273<br>S-446 BRANNIGAN  |

**SUMMARY**

This bill creates an Integrated Pest Management Fund to develop and implement an expanded and improved integrated pest management program. The bill also creates an Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee to advise the commissioner on the awarding of research and private sector grants and advise the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service on the development of its plan of work. The bill establishes reporting requirements for grant recipients. The bill directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to credit funds received from any source for the development and implementation of IPM programs to the IPM Fund. General Fund appropriations are allocated on a percent basis to specific entities and for specific purposes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-273) adds a 9th member to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee. It mandates that a member of the Board of Pesticides Control be a member of the committee and specifies that the board member must be the person designated in the Board of Pesticides Control laws as a scientist from the University of Maine System specializing in agronomy or entomology having practical experience and knowledge of integrated pest management. In addition, this amendment made stylistic and technical changes to conform to preferred statutory language. The amendment also added an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-446) eliminated the appropriations section and changed the fiscal note to indicate that expenses of the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee will be absorbed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

**LD 1317**

**An Act to Revise the Law Protecting Farmers' Rights to Farm**

**PUBLIC 395**

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>            | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
| PINES<br>LUDWIG<br>TWITCHELL | OTP-AM                  | H-270<br>H-503 TARDY      |

**SUMMARY**

This bill as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-270) and House Amendment "A" (H-503) does the following: