

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, 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*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1030) requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules for use of the certification trademark on milk and milk products, rather than leaving adoption as an option.

**LD 1925 An Act to Amend the Equine Licensing Laws**

PUBLIC 650  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TARDY	OTP-AM	H-926

**SUMMARY**

This bill would eliminate mandatory licensing of boarding stables and commercial riding facilities. This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish fees and criteria for an optional certification procedure for boarding stables and commercial riding facilities and directs the department to develop a plan to organize and promote equine activity throughout the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-926) replaces the bill. As in the bill, the amendment changes the mandatory licensing process for commercial riding facilities and persons who board equines for payment to a voluntary certification process. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources would establish criteria for the certification and must submit proposed criteria to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters at least 6 months before they become effective. The amendment also repeals the permitting process and the licensing and permit fees. The amendment requires the department to assist the equine industry in developing a plan to organize and promote equine activity and changes the effective date of the law requiring contracts to include a statement of the inherent risks of equine activities.

**LD 1928 An Act to Require Labeling on Genetically Engineered Food**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TITCOMB	ONTP MAJ	
HEESCHEN	OTP-AM MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the labeling by retailers of genetically engineered food or food organisms and would have required manufacturers and distributors of genetically engineered food to provide information on delivery tickets and invoices of genetically engineered food or food organisms. The minority amendment would have refined the definition of genetically engineered food or food organisms.

**LD 1961 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council and the Maine Dairy Promotion Board**

PUBLIC 689

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	OTP-AM	H-1084 TARDY
		H-861

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Maine Dairy Promotion Board and the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council to appoint an executive director. Under this bill, staff hired by the board and council are exempt from the Civil Service Law.