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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 691

**An Act to Clarify the Sanctions for Violating Laws Relating to
Animal Pulling Events**

PUBLIC 121

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CHICK KILKELLY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-140
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LD 691 proposed to clarify and eliminate inconsistencies in the laws regarding suspensions from pulling events for those who violate the laws regulating pulling events.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-140) proposed language to clarify that penalties may be imposed either through an administrative procedure or in a civil action and that any forfeitures collected must be deposited in the General Fund.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 121 eliminates inconsistencies in the laws regarding suspensions from pulling events for those who violate the laws regulating pulling events. It clarifies that penalties may be imposed either through an administrative procedure or in a civil action and that any forfeitures collected must be deposited in the General Fund.

LD 698

An Act to Require That Dogs Be Kept on Leashes

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GAGNE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 698 proposed requiring that a dog not in a house or enclosure be tied or kept on a leash at all times. The only exception would have been for hunting dogs while being used for hunting.

LD 800

An Act to Prohibit the Docking of a Cow's Tail

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON P	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 800 proposed prohibiting the docking a cow's tail by amending the definition of "mutilate" in the animal welfare laws. Mutilation is prohibited by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 4011, subsection 1, paragraph D.