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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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](http://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  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*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 September 18, 1999.

pending the court hearing. It clarifies the procedure for processing a complaint and removes the restriction that the assault must be unprovoked. It allows a person with knowledge of an assault against a minor to make a complaint. It extends from 10 to 30 days the period of time after an assault during which a complaint can be made. It makes failure to abide by a court order regarding a dangerous dog a Class D crime.

**LD 603**

**An Act to Repeal the Licensing of Farmstead Cheese**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WATERHOUSE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 603 proposed repealing the inspection requirements and sales restrictions on farmstead cheese. (See bill summary for LD 799)

**LD 623**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 565: Nutrient Management Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources**

**RESOLVE 88  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-334 S-428 MICHAUD
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LD 623 proposed authorizing final adoption of Sec. 3(6), 8 and 9 of Chapter 565: Nutrient Management Rules, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-334)** proposed that the rule be changed to reflect January 1, 2000 as the date by which livestock operations would be required to have a permit. This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the resolve. (see bill summary for LD 2246)

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-428 )** proposed reducing the annual General Fund appropriation for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to administer nutrient management rules.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 88 authorizes final adoption of Sec. 3(6), 8 and 9 of Chapter 565: Nutrient Management Rules, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. These sections of the rule relate to the application and review process for issuance of livestock operations permits. The resolve specifies that January 1, 2000 is the date by which certain livestock operations are required to have a permit.

Chapter 88 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 1999.