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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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).

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:

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

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 21, 2001**.

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LD 665 **An Act to Increase Efficiency in Maine Land Use Regulation** **ONTP**
Commission Permitting

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHOREY DUGAY	ONTP	

LD 665 proposed requiring the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to process, within 2 weeks, permit applications for temporary structures submitted by subcontractors on Department of Transportation projects.

LD 672 **An Act to make Confidential Certain Information Collected from** **ONTP**
State Farmers

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND	ONTP	

LD 672 proposed to make all agricultural pesticide registration records of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control confidential and not public records.

LD 739 **An Act to Require That Wolf Hybrids be Permanently Identified** **PUBLIC 129**
and to Establish Penalties for Releasing Wolf Hybrids from
Captivity

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP KILKELLY	OTP-AM	H-150

LD 739 proposed prohibiting any person from owning or caring for a wolf hybrid unless it is tattooed in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The bill also proposed a higher fine for allowing a wolf hybrid to run at large. It would have prohibiting municipalities from licensing any wolf hybrid that was not tattooed.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-150) proposed replacing the bill. It proposed making it a civil violation to abandon a wolf hybrid and requiring the permanent identification of wolf hybrids. It proposed imposing requirements on breeders to facilitate the identification of wolf hybrids.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 129 makes it a civil violation to abandon a wolf hybrid. It requires the permanent identification of wolf hybrids and directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules to implement this provision. It requires breeders of wolf hybrids to register with the department, to have all

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offspring of wolf hybrids permanently identified prior to transfer of ownership and to notify the department when ownership is transferred.

LD 753 **An Act to Create a Farmland and Open Space for the Community Board** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAWES NUTTING J	ONTP	

LD 753, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed creating a board charged with the duty of identifying and purchasing areas of land for farmland and open space preservation. In addition, the new board would oversee the creation of a database of farmers seeking to sell their farms to aspiring farmers.

LD 792 **An Act to Implement the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program** **PUBLIC 168**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY MCKEE	OTP-AM	S-79

LD 792 proposed requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to designate a person within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to oversee the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-79) proposed requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to report biennially to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters on activities relating to the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 168 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to designate a person within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to oversee the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program. It requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to report biennially to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters on activities relating to the Maine Agricultural Internship and Training Program. It requires a first report by December 1, 2001 including an update on the implementation of a program to identify individuals interested in farm apprenticeships or in purchasing a farm and to establish a network of information to facilitate farm transfers.