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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

August 2001

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 2001**

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:

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*
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 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 946

**An Act to Excuse Animal Control Officers from Attending the
Maine Criminal Justice Academy**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POVICH		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 946 proposed excusing animal control officers from attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

LD 960

An Act to Protect a Farmer's Right to Farm

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CRABTREE SAVAGE C		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 960 proposed establishing in statute criteria for the designation of an area as a critical pesticide control area when the designation was based on the health of a person or group of persons.

LD 995

**An Act to Change the Dates for Licensing of Agricultural Fairs and
Exhibitions**

PUBLIC 175

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE C CHICK		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-99
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LD 995 proposed changing the dates for submission of applications for a license for an agricultural fair or agricultural exhibition from November 15th prior to the fair or exhibition to March 31st and also changing the date by which the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is required to announce the assignment of fair dates to May 15th from December 15th.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-99) proposed language to clarify that an applicant for a fair license must apply for a license by March 31st of the year prior to the first year the license is in effect and to establish an effective date of July 1, 2003.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 175 changes the date for submission of applications for a license for an agricultural fair or agricultural exhibition. An applicant for a fair license must apply for a license by March 31st of the year prior to the first year the license is in effect. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is required to announce the assignment of fair dates by May 15th of the year prior to the first year the license is in effect. Licenses are issued for a 3-year period. Chapter 175 has an effective date of July 1, 2003.