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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](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*  
*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 1426

**An Act to Allow the Purchase of Rabies Vaccine by Livestock Farmers**

**PUBLIC 308**

Sponsor(s)  
HALL

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-450

LD 1426 proposed allowing a person who owns livestock to purchase rabies vaccine directly from a pharmaceutical manufacturer or distributor.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-450)** proposed allowing a person who owns cattle, sheep, goats or deer to purchase rabies vaccine directly from a licensed veterinarian. This amendment proposed including livestock owners among those authorized to possess hypodermic apparatuses.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 308 allows a person who owns cattle, sheep, goats or deer to purchase rabies vaccine directly from a licensed veterinarian. A veterinarian who sells rabies vaccine to a livestock owner is not liable for claims arising from the administration of the vaccine. An animal vaccinated against rabies by a person who is not a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian may not be certified as vaccinated against rabies. It also includes livestock owners among those authorized to possess hypodermic apparatuses.

**LD 1435**

**An Act to Authorize Animal Shelters to Accept and Provide for Stray Cats**

**PUBLIC 363**

Sponsor(s)  
BOUCHER

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-603

LD 1435 proposed establishing a system to license cats modeled after the State's dog licensing laws. It proposed an annual fee of \$2.50 for cats capable of producing young and a \$1 annual fee for cats incapable of producing young.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-603)** proposed replacing the bill. It proposed establishing in statute a procedure for an animal shelter to follow when the animal shelter accepts a stray cat.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 363 establishes procedures for an animal shelter to follow when the animal shelter accepts a stray cat.