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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

May 2002

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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t Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Pesticide Control to Increase

PUBLIC 498

<u>(s)</u> LUNDEEN KILKELLY	<u>OTP-AM</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-797
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LD 1953 proposed increasing the annual pesticide registration fee from \$105 to \$110 per product, beginning in calendar year 2003.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-797) proposed increasing pesticide product registration fees an additional \$5.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 498 increases the annual pesticide registration fee from \$105 to \$115 per product, beginning in calendar year 2003.

LD 1965

An Act to Amend the Animal Health and Disease Control Laws

PUBLIC 572

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY CARR	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-470
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LD 1965 proposed revisions to statutory provisions for controlling and monitoring livestock and poultry diseases, including changing violations from criminal offenses to civil violations with specified forfeitures. It proposed requirements with respect to testing for equine infectious anemia to apply to boarding stables in addition to racetracks and fairgrounds. It proposed changes in provisions governing licenses for livestock and poultry dealers, operating commercial deer farms and permits for livestock and poultry auctions.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-470) proposed several technical changes and clarifications. It proposed amending penalty sections to allow courts to impose forfeitures up to a statutory maximum rather than establishing the amount of the forfeiture in statute. It proposes enacting a provision for a Class D crime when a disease or pathogen is intentionally, knowingly or recklessly introduced to livestock or poultry. It proposed removing the section in the bill that would have made the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources' records on health investigations confidential. It proposed removing the definition and inclusion of boarding stables from the provisions that apply to racetracks and fairgrounds with respect to testing for equine infectious anemia.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 572 revises and updates the provisions for controlling and monitoring diseases affecting livestock and poultry. It establishes civil penalties for violations that prior to enactment of this law were criminal offenses. It enacts a provision for a Class D crime when a disease or pathogen is intentionally, knowingly or recklessly introduced to livestock or poultry. It amends the provisions governing licensing of livestock and poultry dealers, operation of domesticated deer farms and issuance of permits for livestock and poultry auctions.