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Bill Summaries

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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/billsumm.htm).

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
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 (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1853

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Conduct Outreach Activities Pertaining to Animal Identification RESOLVE 198

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIOTTI	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-918 H-988 PIOTTI

LD 1853 proposed directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish the Maine Animal Identification Program by rule and required that the program be consistent with the federal system.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-918) proposed the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It proposed replacing the bill with a resolve directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to conduct outreach activities to inform members of the agricultural community and the general public about initiatives at the federal and state levels to require animal identification. It proposed requiring the commissioner to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by January 15, 2007 on meetings held and the status of federal initiatives.

Committee Amendment "C" (H-919) proposed the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It proposed requiring the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop an animal identification program and requires rulemaking to establish a system for registering premises where livestock and poultry are kept and for the identification of individual animals and lots of animals. It specified certain elements to be included in the rules.

It also proposed directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to conduct outreach and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by January 15, 2007 on meetings held and the status of federal initiatives.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-988) proposed authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules pertaining to animal identification and registration if the United States Department of Agriculture or any other federal agency takes action prior to January 1, 2007 to require registration of premises where livestock or poultry is kept or identification of livestock or poultry.

Enacted law summary

Resolves 2005, chapter 198 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to conduct outreach activities to inform members of the agricultural community and the general public about initiatives at the federal and state levels to require animal identification. Meetings must allow time for public comment. The commissioner is required to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters by January 15, 2007 on meetings held and the status of federal initiatives.

It authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules pertaining to animal identification and registration if the United States Department of Agriculture or any other federal agency takes action prior to January 1, 2007 to require registration of premises where livestock or poultry is kept or identification of livestock or poultry and designates these rules as major substantive rules.