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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter 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:

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| 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 (or Accepted ONTP report)..... | 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..... | Bill held by Governor |
| VETO SUSTAINED..... | Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto |

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

which affected the same provision of law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-227)

This amendment enables agricultural fairs that held extended harness racing meets in 1998 to share in the revenues generated by the racino until the end of 2009. At that point eligibility to share in revenue reverts to agricultural fairs that held extended harness racing meets in 2005. This amendment also adds a retroactivity clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 183 enables agricultural fairs that held extended harness racing meets in 1998 to share in the revenues generated by the racino until the end of 2009. At that point eligibility to share in revenue reverts to agricultural fairs that held extended harness racing meets in 2005.

Public Law 2007, chapter 183 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 29, 2007.

LD 965 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 328:
Rules Governing the Licensing and Inspection of Farm Cheese, a Major
Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources**

**RESOLVE 9
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

LD 965 provides for legislative review of the repeal of portions of Chapter 328: Rules Governing the Licensing and Inspection of Farm Cheese, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 9 authorizes the repeal of portions of Chapter 328: Rules Governing the Licensing and Inspection of Farm Cheese, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Resolve 2007, chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 17, 2007.

LD 971 **An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws**

PUBLIC 128

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

PIEH

OTP-AM

H-80

LD 971 adds fertile avian eggs to the list of imported animals requiring importation permits.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)

This amendment defines the term "avian hatching egg" and uses that term in place of "fertile avian egg."

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 128 adds avian hatching eggs to the list of imported animals requiring importation permits.