

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

revises provisions regulating quality standards and requires competitive bidding when more than one producer or broker or wholesaler can supply a given foodstuff.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-761)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that it is the policy of the State to encourage the procurement of Maine foods and food products by state institutions to increase the viability of Maine farms and food businesses, thus making a positive contribution to the State's economy and enhancing food self-sufficiency for the State. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish and promote a Maine foods procurement program with the goal that, no later than 2025, 20% of food and food products procured by state institutions are Maine food or food products.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 677 provides that it is the policy of the State to encourage the procurement of Maine foods and food products by state institutions to increase the viability of Maine farms and food businesses, thus making a positive contribution to the State's economy and enhancing food self-sufficiency for the State. The law directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish and promote a Maine foods procurement program with the goal that, no later than 2025, 20% of food and food products procured by state institutions are Maine food or food products.

### LD 1270 An Act To Create Certain Recreational Opportunities on State-owned Land

Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T COREY P	ONTP OTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

The bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2020, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands may develop new marked hiking trails within the unorganized territory on which loaded firearms are permitted and within 300 feet of which, during the months of October and November, firearms may be discharged.

### LD 1311 An Act Regarding the Sale of Dogs and Cats at Pet Shops

PUBLIC 544

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B	ONTP OTP-AM	S-272

This bill prohibits a pet shop from selling dogs and cats and establishes a fine of \$500 per violation as well as license suspension or revocation. A pet shop may provide space to an animal rescue entity to offer to the public dogs and cats for adoption.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-272)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, does the following:

1. It allows pet shops that are currently lawfully offering dogs or cats for sale to continue to offer dogs and cats for