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STATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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processes related to exemptions from inspections, to determine areas for possible improvements, efficiencies and enhanced flexibility to benefit agricultural producers, processors and retail and public customers. The law also specifies that the department, as part of the review, is required to conduct a survey of meat and poultry producers and processors to obtain feedback on rules, regulations, policies and practices affecting the regulated community and to develop strategies to ensure uniform interpretation of the United States Department of Agriculture's regulations and exemptions.

The department is required to submit a report based on its evaluation by January 15, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, which may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 41 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2025.

LD 1213 An Act Regarding Apportionment of Stipends to Agricultural Fairs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 161 modifies the provisions of law governing distribution of stipends to persons or entities licensed to hold an agricultural fair.

The law makes technical changes to the statutes relating to the Stipend Fund and the amount distributed among fair licensees. The law specifically adds educational agricultural talks, workshops and demonstrations to the list of competitions and events that may be considered in the calculation of apportionment for stipends. The law also specifies that any agricultural event approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may be used to determine the apportionment.

LD 1264 Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 36 directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to modify the deed that conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum, including 4.2 acres, more or less, of historic site land and related improvements, structures and historical collections, in the Town of Thomaston, Knox County, to the Friends of Montpelier, a nonprofit corporation, to remove the requirement that Montpelier be used for historic preservation and remove any requirement that Montpelier be preserved, rehabilitated or restored in a manner as required by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.