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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1411, L.D. 2096, “An Act Regarding Scheduling of Agricultural Fairs and Pulling Events”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the first blocked paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subsection," the following: 'a licensee'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the first blocked paragraph in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 34 to 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "that in the commissioner's determination offers activities largely similar to those offered during the fair's assigned fair dates, including but not limited to food, entertainment, amusements or other activities."

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the first blocked paragraph in the 4th line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "considered" the following: 'to be'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "24" and inserting the following: '48'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 5 in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 2 and 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "on nonlivestock competitions" and inserting the following: 'as provided under section 86, subsection 5'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 6 in the first line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or revocation"

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 6 in the first line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or revoke"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 to 8 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §86, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 161, §3, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 In determining distribution under this subsection, an allowance may not be made on
2 premiums offered and paid by a licensee at any competition or event held ~~other than~~ during
3 the period in which its annual fair is held and at any competition or event judged up to 48
4 hours prior to the licensed fair dates, except that an allowance may not be made on
5 premiums offered and paid by a licensee at any competition or event under paragraphs A,
6 F-1, I, J and K judged up to 48 hours prior to the licensed fair dates. Allowance may not
7 be made or consideration given for lump sums, payments or premiums previously arranged
8 and agreed upon for the presentation and display of any animals or products without regard
9 to competition or event. The department may provide an allowance to licensees for
10 payments made for educational agricultural talks, workshops and demonstrations pursuant
11 to paragraph K without regard to premiums paid for competitions or events in this category.

12 **Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §86, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2025, c. 161, §3, is further
13 amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

14 Premiums and payments used to determine apportionment under this subsection are limited
15 to those paid for.'

16 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
17 number to read consecutively.

18 SUMMARY

19 This amendment clarifies that an agricultural fair licensee holding an event within one
20 week of a fair's assigned fair dates is considered to be operating a fair outside of the fair
21 dates assigned by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

22 The amendment authorizes a fair licensee to host an exhibition up to 48 hours, rather
23 than 24 hours as proposed in the bill, prior to the assigned fair dates for the purposes of
24 displaying and awarding premiums.

25 The amendment amends the law governing the distribution of funds from the Stipend
26 Fund to agricultural fair licensees by allowing prizes paid by a licensee at any competition
27 or event judged up to 48 hours, rather than 24 hours as proposed in the bill, prior to the
28 licensed fair dates to be considered in calculating the distribution. The amendment also
29 provides that this provision does not apply to livestock and poultry competitions or events,
30 youth livestock and pulling competitions or events, pulling competitions or events or
31 educational agricultural talks, workshops and demonstrations.

32 The amendment also authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
33 Forestry to use funds from the Stipend Fund to provide allowances to licensees for
34 payments made for educational agricultural talks, workshops and demonstrations without
35 regard to premiums paid for competitions or events in this category.

36 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

37 (See attached)