

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

H.P. 597 - L.D. 932

**An Act to Require the Issuance of Maine Agricultural Fair Licenses Every 4 Years**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** agricultural fairs will begin soon, and this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow the change in the term of an agricultural fair license to take effect as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §83, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Issuance of license.** If satisfied that an applicant will comply or, if an applicant has previously held a license, that the applicant has complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the commissioner may issue a license to the applicant for an agricultural fair. A license is issued for ~~3~~ 4 consecutive years and only for the dates assigned by the commissioner in accordance with section 84.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §84, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Assigned fair dates.** The commissioner shall set the dates for which an agricultural fair license is effective in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to section 82, subsection 5. No later than May 15th of the calendar year preceding the first year of each ~~3-year~~ 4-year license period, the commissioner shall announce the assignment of fair dates and issuance of licenses.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §86, sub-§7, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

A. Upon receiving an initial license, spend a minimum of \$750 per year on premiums for ~~3~~ 4 years for displays of agricultural products, excluding premiums for equine and ox pulling contests and farm tractor and pickup truck pulling contests; and

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.