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**LD 7 An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State
to the Town of Bridgton**

PUBLIC 18

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P HAMPER J	OTP ONTP	

This bill gives the Town of Bridgton the ability to convey nonwaterfront portions of a piece of property held for public use if the town determines the portion to be conveyed has no identifiable public use. It also requires that all revenues received by the town from the conveyance of the nonwaterfront properties be held in a trust fund for parks and recreational purposes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 18 gives the Town of Bridgton the ability to convey nonwaterfront portions of a piece of property held for public use if the town determines the portion to be conveyed has no identifiable public use. It also requires that all revenues received by the town from the conveyance of the nonwaterfront properties be held in a trust fund for parks and recreational purposes.

LD 8 An Act To Provide Training for Forest Rangers To Carry Firearms

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-451

This bill prohibits the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from prohibiting a forest ranger from carrying a personal concealed firearm for the forest ranger's protection while on duty.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-451)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment amends the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to include that the board establish certification standards and a training program for forest rangers and the state supervisor of the forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The training program must include preservice law enforcement training under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2804-B; an additional basic forest ranger training program developed by the state supervisor of the forest protection unit of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and approved by the board that is specific to the duties of a forest ranger; in-service law enforcement training that is specifically approved by the board as prescribed in Title 25, section 2804-E; and a firearms training program equivalent to a firearms training program of a full-time law enforcement officer trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy that is developed and approved by the board. The training program exempts forest rangers from basic law enforcement training and other requirements under Title 25, section 2804-C, but completion of the basic training under section 2804-C exempts a person from the preservice training requirement.

The training program satisfies requirements necessary for forest rangers to carry firearms in the course of their duties. The amendment also specifies that beginning July 1, 2018, all forest rangers and the state supervisor must successfully complete the training requirements established under Title 25, section 2803-A, subsection 8-D, which provides the department and the board time to develop and implement the training.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 124 An Act To Make Changes to the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund

PUBLIC 6

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D JACKSON T	OTP	

This bill increases the total amounts the State may loan from the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund from 45% of project cost to 55% of project cost for projects that cost more than \$50,000 but less than \$150,000. Loans for projects of \$50,000 and under remain unchanged at 55% and loans for projects that exceed \$150,000 remain unchanged at 45%.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 6 increases the total amounts the State may loan from the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund from 45% of project cost to 55% of project cost for projects that cost more than \$50,000 but less than \$150,000. Loans for projects of \$50,000 and under remain unchanged at 55% and loans for projects that exceed \$150,000 remain unchanged at 45%.

LD 128 An Act To Prohibit Foraging on Private Land without Permission

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires anyone harvesting edible wild food to have written permission or a bill of sale from the landowner before harvesting or transporting. The permission requirements and enforcement provisions of this bill are the same as currently exist in Maine law for commercial harvesting of Christmas trees and boughs for wreaths. The bill also authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to decline to certify or to revoke the certification under the Maine Wild Mushroom Harvesting Certification Program of any person found in violation of the prohibition.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)

This amendment is the minority report. It replaces the bill and specifies that the Department of Health and Human Services may decline to certify or may revoke the certification of any person whom the department finds to be selling mushrooms harvested on the land of another without securing written permission or a bill of sale from the owner of the land or the owner's authorized agent.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 151 Resolve, To Authorize the Transfer of State-owned Property to the Town of St. Agatha

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	ONTP	

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This resolve gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell for \$1 to the Town of St. Agatha the property now or formerly occupied by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service located at 655 Main Street, St. Agatha.

LD 157 An Act To Require the Reporting of Animal Cruelty or Neglect ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHANSEN C ROSEN K	ONTP	

This bill requires a licensed veterinarian to report to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry when the veterinarian has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal is the subject of cruelty or neglect. Current law requires a licensed veterinarian to report only when there is suspicion of aggravated cruelty.

LD 159 An Act To Prohibit the Mining of Massive Sulfide Ore Deposits on State Lands Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE R DILL J	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill amends the laws regarding mining on state lands to prohibit the issuance of a mining lease that authorizes the mining of a massive sulfide ore deposit located on state lands. The bill defines a "massive sulfide ore deposit" as a metal sulfide ore deposit that, as determined by the Maine Geological Survey, contains in total 1,000,000 tons or more of metallic minerals.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-528)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and adds a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 167 An Act To Fund Animal Control Officers and Animal Shelters ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to find sources of revenue to fund animal control officers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3947 and animal shelters under Title 7, section 3949.

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LD 173 An Act To Reduce Food Insecurity

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-121

This bill provides an appropriation to allow the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to contract with the Good Shepherd Food Bank or a successor organization for statewide hunger relief services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-121)

This amendment reduces the appropriation in the bill allowing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to contract with the Good Shepherd Food Bank or a successor organization for statewide hunger relief services.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

**LD 174 An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs
and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the
Purposes of Providing Information to the Public**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM	H-374

This bill restricts the use of pesticides on school grounds. It allows their use only in situations that pose a health threat to a student or staff member, in response to the presence of animals or insects identified as a public health nuisance or on agricultural fields in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. It permits their use on athletic fields when determined necessary by the school for the health and safety of the field and students. It requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules to implement landscaping design that minimizes or avoids the necessity of the use of pesticides on school grounds for new construction of school facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-374)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment establishes in law certain requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control related to pest management on school property, including the maintenance of records related to the application of pesticides. It requires this information to be provided annually to the board and requires the board to post that information on its publicly accessible website. It also requires that the board post on its publicly accessible website a list of all board inspections of a school's use of pesticides and the results of those inspections.

The fiscal note on the amendment identifies certain requirements in this amendment as a potential state mandate. In order to be a mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, a provision must require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue. The committee finds the provisions identified as a potential mandate do not require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue.

The requirement in the amendment that a school submit a copy of its pest management activity log, which is already required by rule to be maintained, does not require an expansion or modification of activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue. The committee does not feel that the act of submitting once per year a

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pest management activity log that is already required to be maintained constitutes additional expenditures from local revenue.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 175 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Rabbit Production for Local Consumption Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	ONTP OTP	

This bill permits a rabbit producer to sell rabbit products without inspection at the farm on which the rabbits were raised, at farmers' markets, by delivery to consumers' homes, to members of community-supported agriculture farms with which the rabbit producer has a direct marketing relationship, to locally owned grocery stores and to locally owned restaurants, as long as the farm slaughters fewer than 1,000 rabbits annually.

LD 244 An Act To Clarify the Use of State Lands Designated for Conservation or Recreation Purposes ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHAPMAN R	ONTP	

This bill clarifies that, for the purposes of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23, the use of designated lands for the mining of minerals constitutes a substantial alteration in use. Article IX, Section 23 provides that "state park land, public lots or other real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes and designated by legislation implementing this section may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all the members elected to each House."

LD 245 An Act To Repeal the Affirmative Defense for Cruelty to Animals ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARDONE B GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill repeals the provisions of law that establish an affirmative defense for certain violations under the animal welfare laws that the animal is kept as part of an agricultural operation and in compliance with best management practices for animal husbandry as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

LD 246 An Act To Provide for the Adoption of Cats and Dogs Previously Used for Research Purposes ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D	ONTP	

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This bill requires research facilities that receive public funding to offer for adoption cats and dogs used for science, testing, education or research purposes when the cats and dogs are no longer needed for those purposes instead of euthanizing them. Adoption of the cats and dogs may be through an animal shelter, animal rescue organization or private placement.

LD 396 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Elephants in Traveling Animal Acts

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MONAGHAN K VITELLI E	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits the use of elephants as performers in traveling animal acts, effective January 1, 2018.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-122)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the minority report of the committee. It prohibits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from issuing a permit to a person to import or possess an elephant in the State unless the elephant will be placed in a protective environment in which it will have the opportunity to behave as naturally as possible. A person importing or possessing an elephant may not allow the elephant to participate in any exhibition, public showing, presentation, display, exposition, fair, animal act, amusement show, circus, trade show, petting zoo, carnival, parade, race or similar undertaking in which the elephant is required to perform tricks, give rides or participate as accompaniment for the entertainment or amusement or for the benefit of an audience.

The amendment also provides an exception for elephant importations through January 1, 2020, for a person that imports an elephant to participate in a traveling circus to raise funds for a charity if that traveling circus lawfully operated in the State with an elephant to raise funds for a charity in 2016 and as long as the elephant is not permitted to remain in the State after January 1, 2020, unless it is in a protective environment in which it will have the opportunity to behave as naturally as possible.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 414 An Act To Create the Maine Forest Resources Council

**Leave to Withdraw
Pursuant to Joint
Rule**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T CAMPBELL R		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to create the Maine Forest Resources Council.

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LD 418 An Act To Educate the Public on the Proper Use of Pesticides and To Promote Integrated Pest Management Using Existing Resources

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R SAVIELLO T		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to require that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control educate the public on the proper use of pesticides and promote integrated pest management using funds that have already been appropriated to the board.

LD 430 An Act To Amend the Exemption for Highway Contractors and Subcontractors under the Arborist Licensing Laws

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT T CYRWAY S	ONTP	

Currently, highway contractors and subcontractors who remove trees during the performance of contracts for the construction or maintenance of highways are exempt from the laws governing arborists. This bill provides that those contractors and subcontractors must remain on the ground when removing trees to be exempt from those laws.

LD 508 An Act Regarding Restrictions on the Purchase of Certain Animals

PUBLIC 131

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P	OTP-AM	S-93

Current law prohibits a person from selling, displaying, raffling, giving away or offering for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under eight weeks of age in lots of less than six. This bill limits that prohibition to the period beginning six weeks before Easter Sunday and ending six weeks after Easter Sunday.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-93)

This amendment removes the changes made to current law by the bill and instead prohibits a person from selling, displaying, raffling, giving away or offering for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under eight weeks of age in lots of less than two.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 131 prohibits a person from selling, displaying, raffling, giving away or offering for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under eight weeks of age in lots of less than two.

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**LD 519 An Act To Allow the Storage of Tents, Campers, Trailers and Other
Devices Used for Camping in Campgrounds in the Unorganized
Townships**

PUBLIC 236

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	OTP-AM	H-375

This bill clarifies that occupancy in the definition of "transient occupancy" for the unorganized territories is determined by the length of time a person is present and allows the storage of unoccupied camping devices such as tents, tent trailers, pickup campers, recreational vehicles and trailers at campgrounds or campsites in reserved camping spaces.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-375)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment provides that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission may not limit the number of days a person may store an unoccupied camping device at a lawfully existing camping location within a campground permitted by the commission or a campground that lawfully existed at the time of district regulation and does not currently conform to district regulations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 236 provides that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission may not limit the number of days a person may store an unoccupied camping device at a lawfully existing camping location within a campground permitted by the commission, or a campground that lawfully existed at the time of district regulation and does not currently conform to district regulations.

LD 548 An Act To Amend Laws Relating to Agricultural Pulling Events

PUBLIC 207

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R DILL J	OTP-AM	H-458

This bill adds to the law regarding pulling events the requirement that an animal entered in a pulling event must have either an ear tag or a microchip implant for identification purposes.

The bill also removes references to trainers in regards to pulling events. It requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to impose a two-year suspension from competition for a person found to have used a prohibited substance with respect to an animal at a pulling event. It requires the commissioner to impose a full one-year suspension from competition for the animal found to have a prohibited substance in its system at the time of the pulling event. Currently, the commissioner may impose a suspension of less than two years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-458)

This amendment:

1. Adds a definition of "driver" to the laws governing agricultural fairs and pulling events and replaces the term "teamster" with "driver" in those laws;
2. Allows a pull superintendent to visually examine an animal in an event and to request a veterinarian to undertake a more thorough examination when appropriate;

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3. Provides that the driver is responsible, along with the owner, for an animal's condition, including whether it has been administered a prohibited substance; and
4. Increases the penalties for a driver or owner found to be in violation of the laws governing prohibited substances in an animal competing in a pulling event from a full two-year suspension in the bill to two years for a first offense, three years for a second offense and five years for third and subsequent offenses.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 207:

1. Adds to the law regarding pulling events the requirement that an animal entered in a pulling event must have either an ear tag or a microchip implant for identification purposes;
2. Removes references to trainers in regards to pulling events;
3. Adds a definition of "driver" to the laws governing agricultural fairs and pulling events and replaces the term "teamster" with "driver" in those laws;
4. Increases the penalties for a driver or owner found to be in violation of the laws governing prohibited substances in an animal competing in a pulling event to two years for a first offense, three years for a second offense and five years for third and subsequent offenses, and requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to impose a full one-year suspension from competition for the animal found to have a prohibited substance in its system at the time of the pulling event;
5. Allows a pull superintendent to visually examine an animal in an event and to request a veterinarian to undertake a more thorough examination when appropriate; and
6. Provides that the driver is responsible, along with the owner, for an animal's condition, including whether it has been administered a prohibited substance.

LD 549 An Act To Recognize Preexisting Land Uses

PUBLIC 89

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANINGTON S	OTP-AM	H-167

This bill prohibits the Maine Land Use Planning Commission from requiring proof that preexisting, grandfathered nonconforming land uses were in legal existence for more than 20 years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-167)

This amendment replaces the bill and provides that if a person demonstrates that a use or structure that does not conform with Maine Land Use Planning Commission district standards has existed for at least 30 years, there is a rebuttable presumption that the use or structure is a nonconforming use or nonconforming structure, which is a use or structure that lawfully existed when district regulations were adopted but that does not currently conform.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 89 provides that if a person demonstrates that a use or structure that does not conform with Maine Land Use Planning Commission district standards has existed for at least 30 years, there is a rebuttable presumption that the use or structure is a nonconforming use or nonconforming structure, which is a use or structure that lawfully existed when district regulations were adopted but that does not currently conform.

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**LD 586 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To
Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund**

**PUBLIC 289
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	S-202 H-517 BLACK R

This bill implements the recommendations of the Commission To Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

The bill establishes additional guidelines that must be followed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry before it may adopt any rule that would make changes to the annual allowable harvesting level for public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands. The bill directs the department to conduct a detailed forest inventory of the State's public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands by March 15, 2018 and every five years thereafter.

The bill prohibits any expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund other than for the general operations of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the department with respect to management of public reserved lands, unless the fund has at least \$2,500,000 at the start of the fiscal year. The bill requires the bureau's annual report dealing with public reserved lands to include a breakdown of growth based on the most recent physical forest inventory and of harvest in each region of any public reserved lands units established by the bureau, identifying any harvesting that occurred during the preceding fiscal year in individual management units where harvest exceeds annual growth.

The bill directs the bureau to establish an educational grant program to provide one-time grants to eligible public secondary and postsecondary institutions for educational programs related to logging. Funding for the grants comes from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

The bill directs the bureau to identify areas where the State does not currently have deeded access to the State's public reserved lands. The bill also requires the bureau to direct regional foresters in the bureau who are familiar with the physical landscape and landowners to develop goals and priorities regarding increased access to the State's public reserved lands and requires the bureau to submit their findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters by March 1, 2019.

The bill directs the bureau to develop a statewide priority list of recreational infrastructure projects for the State's public reserved lands and a statewide priority list of projects under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for the State's public reserved lands. The priority lists must be presented to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters by March 1, 2019. After receipt of the lists, the joint standing committee is required to hold a meeting for the purpose of obtaining public input related to the lists.

Finally, the bill directs the bureau to review its bid process for timber harvesting and road construction projects, including any liability concerns related to the bid process. The bureau is directed to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters with any recommended changes to the bid process by March 15, 2018. The bill also provides allocations for educational grants, infrastructure projects and a detailed forest inventory.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-202)

This amendment:

1. Changes the date in the bill that a detailed forest inventory of the State's public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands must be conducted by from March 15, 2018 to March 15, 2021 and keeps the requirement that an

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inventory must be done every five years thereafter;

2. Reenacts a provision of law regarding expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund in the statute governing revenue from public reserved lands that states that money may not be expended without allocation by the Legislature. The allocations must be approved by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs;
3. Adds a list and description of roads built and roads maintained in the preceding fiscal year and a list and description of roads to be built and roads to be maintained in the succeeding fiscal year to the items that must be included in the annual report dealing with public reserved lands submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands;
4. Adds forestry to the programs eligible to receive funding under the educational grant program established in the bill;
5. Adds career and technical education programs to the types of programs that are eligible to apply for an educational grant related to logging and forestry;
6. Removes language specifying that educational grants are only one-time grants, specifies that those grants may be given to an approved eligible educational program if funds are available, and provides that the total distributions from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund under the grant program may not exceed \$300,000 in the state budget biennium; and
7. Requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters, after public input, to rank the statewide priority list of recreational infrastructure projects for the State's public reserved lands and the statewide priority list of projects under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for the State's public reserved lands submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and to make recommendations, if funding is available, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs for funding projects.

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-517)

This amendment changes the emergency preamble to specify that road building for fiscal year 2017-18 begins July 1, 2017 and that clarity with regard to funding for that road building needs to be provided immediately. The amendment also makes the following changes to expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund:

1. It provides that money in the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund may not be expended in excess of or in any manner inconsistent with the legislative allocation of the fund by the Legislature;
2. It provides that the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters, referred to as "the jurisdictional committee," must review all allocations or subdivisions of allocations from the fund;
3. It provides that before January 15th of each odd-numbered year, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry must submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed proposed budget for expenditures from the fund for the budgetary biennium. Before January 15th of each even-numbered year, the commissioner must submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed budget for any proposed modifications to the legislative allocations of the fund during the remainder of the budgetary biennium; and
4. It provides that, after receiving a budget submission, the jurisdictional committee must review the proposed budget or budget modification and must determine the appropriate allocations or modifications of existing

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allocations of the fund. The jurisdictional committee must submit its recommended allocations or modifications to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, which must include those recommended allocations or modifications of allocations in an appropriate biennial budget or supplemental budget bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 289 does the following:

1. Establishes additional guidelines that must be followed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry before it may adopt any rule that would make changes to the annual allowable harvesting level for public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands. Public Law 2017, chapter 289 directs the department to conduct a detailed forest inventory of the State's public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands by March 15, 2021 and every five years thereafter;
2. Prohibits any expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund other than for the general operations of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the department with respect to management of public reserved lands, unless the fund has at least \$2,500,000 at the start of the fiscal year. Money in the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund may not be expended in excess of or in any manner inconsistent with the legislative allocation of the fund by the Legislature;
3. Requires the annual report dealing with public reserved lands submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to include a breakdown of growth based on the most recent physical forest inventory and of harvest in each region of any public reserved lands units established by the bureau, identifying any harvesting that occurred during the preceding fiscal year in individual management units where harvest exceeds annual growth. Public Law 2017, chapter 289 also adds a list and description of roads built and roads maintained in the preceding fiscal year and a list and description of roads to be built and roads to be maintained in the succeeding fiscal year to the items that must be included in the annual report dealing with public reserved lands submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands;
4. Directs the bureau to establish an educational grant program to provide grants to approved eligible career and technical education programs, and public secondary and postsecondary institutions, if funds are available, for educational programs related to logging and forestry. Total distributions from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund under the grant program may not exceed \$300,000 in the state budget biennium;
5. Directs the bureau to identify areas where the State does not currently have deeded access to the State's public reserved lands. Public Law 2017, chapter 289 requires the bureau to direct regional foresters in the bureau who are familiar with the physical landscape and landowners to develop goals and priorities regarding increased access to the State's public reserved lands and requires the bureau to submit their findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters by March 1, 2019;
6. Directs the bureau to develop a statewide priority list of recreational infrastructure projects for the State's public reserved lands and a statewide priority list of projects under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for the State's public reserved lands. The priority lists must be presented to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters by March 1, 2019. After receipt of the lists, the joint standing committee is required to hold a meeting for the purpose of obtaining public input related to the lists. Public Law 2017, chapter 289 requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters, after public input, to rank the statewide priority list of recreational infrastructure projects for the State's public reserved lands and the statewide priority list of projects under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for the State's public reserved lands submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and to make recommendations, if funding is available, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs for funding projects;

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7. Directs the bureau to review its bid process for timber harvesting and road construction projects, including any liability concerns related to the bid process. The bureau is directed to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters with any recommended changes to the bid process by March 15, 2018;

8. Reenacts a provision of law regarding expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund in the statute governing revenue from public reserved lands that states that money may not be expended without allocation by the Legislature. The allocations must be approved by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs;

9. Provides that the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters, referred to as "the jurisdictional committee," must review all allocations or subdivisions of allocations from the fund;

10. Provides that before January 15th of each odd-numbered year, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry must submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed proposed budget for expenditures from the fund for the budgetary biennium. Before January 15th of each even-numbered year, the commissioner must submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed budget for any proposed modifications to the legislative allocations of the fund during the remainder of the budgetary biennium; and

11. Provides that, after receiving a budget submission, the jurisdictional committee must review the proposed budget or budget modification and must determine the appropriate allocations or modifications of existing allocations of the fund. The jurisdictional committee must submit its recommended allocations or modifications to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, which must include those recommended allocations or modifications of allocations in an appropriate biennial budget or supplemental budget bill.

Public Law 2017, chapter 289 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 20, 2017.

LD 594 An Act To Modify the Definition of "General Use Pesticide"

PUBLIC 59

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	OTP	

This bill amends the definition of "general use pesticide" in the laws governing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control by removing reference to pesticides registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and adding reference to pesticides registered by the board.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 59 amends the definition of "general use pesticide" in the laws governing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control by removing reference to pesticides registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and adding reference to pesticides registered by the board.

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LD 637 An Act To Protect Maine's Lands

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY M JACKSON T		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures to protect Maine's lands.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 653 Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Propose Changes to the
Animal Welfare Laws**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a working group of interested stakeholders to propose changes to the animal welfare laws and rules and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The joint standing committee may report out a bill concerning the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**LD 662 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
Forestry To Work with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain
Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work with all-terrain vehicle clubs to develop all-terrain vehicle trails in northern Maine.

**LD 742 An Act To Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To
Grow Hemp Indoors**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL L DILL J		

This bill provides that a person licensed to grow industrial hemp may, in addition to existing permitted activities, grow industrial hemp from a clone or tissue cultures removed from live crops grown from certified seeds. It also requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules to allow for licensing of indoor industrial hemp production.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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**LD 758 An Act To Provide Free Admission for Permanently Disabled Persons at
Maine State Parks ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D	ONTP	

This bill establishes the State Parks Access Pass Program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands. The program allows free entry into state parks for persons determined to be permanently disabled.

**LD 760 An Act To Promote Safety with Respect to Touching Livestock or Other
Animals ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER R	ONTP	

This bill requires a person who makes livestock or any other animal, including fowl, available for touching by the general public to provide suitable hand washing facilities or disinfectant for members of the public to sanitize their hands. The bill also requires that the person post signs at certain places informing the public of the necessity of washing or sanitizing hands after touching animals and of the location of the hand washing facilities or disinfectant. This bill does not apply if the animal that is touched is a cat, dog or other animal commonly used as a domestic pet or if the touching of livestock or other animal is in a private setting by a guest or social invitee of someone who is familiar with the person who allows the touching of livestock or another animal.

LD 828 An Act To Require a Veterinarian to be Present at an Agricultural Fair ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M JOHANSEN C	ONTP	

This bill requires a licensed veterinarian to be on the premises or available on call during all agricultural fairs.

**LD 834 An Act To Restructure Harness Racing within the Department of
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAREAN D	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This emergency bill proposes to authorize the State Harness Racing Commission to make changes to the number of days that commercial tracks are required to hold harness races and to restructure harness racing venue criteria.

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LD 835 An Act To Promote Small Diversified Farms and Small Food Producers Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHAPMAN R	OTP ONTP	

This bill facilitates direct sales between Maine farmers and consumers. It allows persons preparing food in their own homes to sell directly to consumers or to offer homemade food at certain events without being licensed as food establishments.

LD 856 An Act To Extend the Germination Testing Period for Cool-weather Lawn and Turf Seed from 9 to 15 Months PUBLIC 57

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LYFORD P	OTP	

This bill extends from nine months to 15 months the time within which the percentage of germination test described under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 1043 must have been performed on cool-weather lawn and turf seed in order for that seed to be sold. "Cool-weather lawn and turf seed" is defined to include Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue, Chewing's fescue, hard fescue, tall fescue, perennial ryegrass, intermediate ryegrass, annual ryegrass, colonial bentgrass and creeping bentgrass.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 57 extends from nine months to 15 months the time within which the percentage of germination test described under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 1043 must have been performed on cool-weather lawn and turf seed in order for that seed to be sold. "Cool-weather lawn and turf seed" is defined to include Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue, Chewing's fescue, hard fescue, tall fescue, perennial ryegrass, intermediate ryegrass, annual ryegrass, colonial bentgrass and creeping bentgrass.

LD 857 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Slaughter and Inspection of Livestock ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITE D SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

Current law permits certain unlicensed slaughterers, processors and producers to register to engage in intrastate commerce to buy, sell, prepare, process, pack, store, transport and handle meat and meat food products. This bill includes livestock producers who are located in Aroostook County under that law and requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules to establish the registration process and to inspect livestock producers at their locations.

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LD 858 An Act To Strengthen the Law Regarding Dangerous Dogs CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C CYRWAY S		

This bill allows a sheriff, local law enforcement officer or animal control officer to determine whether a dog is a dangerous dog and requires the court to take that determination into account when making a decision regarding a dangerous dog. It requires the sheriff, local law enforcement officer or animal control officer who determines a dog to be dangerous to apply for an ex parte order to take possession of the dog. It removes the option of the court's allowing the owner or keeper of a dangerous dog to keep the dog and requires the court either to order the dog confined at a governmental facility or at a local humane society or similar nongovernmental organization or to order the dog euthanized. It also adds to the law regarding ordering a dog's euthanasia that the dog must be euthanized if it killed, maimed or inflicted serious bodily injury upon a domesticated animal.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 893 An Act To Improve and Protect Maine Organic Milk Producers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to develop procedures to establish a mediation process between organic milk producers in the State and auditors who perform organic certification under the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

LD 939 An Act To Protect Maine's Agriculture CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY M DILL J		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to protect Maine's agriculture.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 982 An Act To Protect Abused or Neglected Animals ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M	ONTP	

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This bill authorizes nonprofit, licensed animal shelters to apply for authorization to take possession of abandoned or cruelly treated animals or to cause these animals to be disposed of humanely.

LD 993 An Act To Protect Pollinators from Neonicotinoid Pesticides ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M	ONTP	

This bill requires that any seed, plant material, nursery stock, annual plant, bedding plant or other plant sold at retail in the State that has been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide bear a label, or be placed in close proximity to a sign, that notifies the consumer that the product has been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide and that such pesticides have been found to harm nontarget organisms, including bees and other pollinators. The bill also implements a prohibition, effective January 1, 2018, on the retail sale of neonicotinoid pesticides by persons that do not also sell a restricted use pesticide and implements a prohibition, also effective January 1, 2018, on the use of a neonicotinoid pesticide, with exceptions for certified applicators, farmers and licensed veterinarians.

LD 1028 An Act To Improve Soil Quality and Profits for Maine Farms ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a program to certify agricultural land and farms containing certified agricultural land as regenerative. The bill establishes standards for certification and testing by the department. After certification, a program seal issued by the department may be used to market and sell agricultural products produced on the certified land.

LD 1049 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Lands to Roosevelt Conference Center Doing Business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE R	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey to Roosevelt Conference Center, doing business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, a 12.86-acre parcel of land in Township 16, Range 6. The resolve requires the director to sell the land at fair market value and to retain or withhold any rights to subdivide. The director is also required by the resolve to convey to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps a right-of-way along the service road to the Square Lake Road for appraised fair market value. The resolve also stipulates that the State must retain a right of first refusal to reacquire the parcel and right-of-way from the owner if the use of the parcel for a year-round sporting camp or Class A restaurant and lodge is discontinued or appropriate licenses are not maintained.

An amendment to this resolve was incorporated into LD 1126, An Act Relating to the Use and Leasing of Public Reserved Lands, which became Public Law 2017, chapter 262.

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LD 1114 An Act To Amend the Rules Regulating Invasive Terrestrial Plant Species

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A VACHON K	ONTP	

This bill restricts the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry regarding nonnative invasive terrestrial plants to allow the commissioner to adopt rules regarding those nonnative terrestrial plants that are determined to be invasive. The commissioner may not adopt rules to regulate plants that are likely or potentially invasive.

LD 1126 An Act Relating to the Use and Leasing of Public Reserved Lands

**PUBLIC 262
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-417

This bill provides that the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease observation stands and shelters and convey trail easements on public lands for private use, in addition to campsites, garages and other structures that currently may be leased. It provides that the director must lease up to one observation stand or shelter and convey up to a mile of trail easement for each lodging room at a commercial sporting camp. It specifies that the site location and trail easement must be as requested by the commercial sporting camp owner unless the director determines the location is inconsistent with other uses of the public reserved land or with applicable laws or rules. It provides for a minimum annual commercial sporting camp observation stand or shelter lease fee of \$100.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-417)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title to reflect the content of the amendment.

This amendment requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands to amend its rules expressly to permit bear baiting at sites that are not accessible by road but are accessible by water. It also requires the bureau to issue a permit to place bear bait at a site not accessible by road but accessible by water to any licensed Maine guide who applies in 2017 for such a permit if the applicant held such a permit for that site in 2016 and has not become ineligible for such a permit, unless the bureau finds there is a valid land management reason placement of bait at the site is no longer feasible and the bureau provides the applicant a written explanation of that reason. If the permit is denied for a valid land management reason, the bureau must work with the applicant to seek to find a suitable alternative site that meets the needs of the applicant.

This amendment directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue a revised lease of land in Township 16, Range 6 current as of the effective date of this Act from the State to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, that changes its term from 15 years to 30 years, notwithstanding the limitation in current law for such leases to be no longer than 15 years. The amendment also provides for successive renewals for terms of 30 years each as long as the land continues to be used for a year-round sporting camp or Class A restaurant and lodge open to the public, as specified in the lease agreement, and the lessee complies with all other terms and conditions of the lease and all other applicable laws and rules of the State. The lessee may request such a 30-year renewal during the 10 calendar years prior to the end of the term of any then-existing lease. A renewal commences at the end of the term of the then-existing lease. The director is also authorized to allow, on reasonable terms and conditions, a transfer of the leasehold interests to another entity if the

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Eagle Lake Sporting Camps business is sold to another entity, as long as the sale of the business is at an appraised fair market value and the leased land continues to be used for a year-round sporting camp or Class A restaurant and lodge open to the public, as specified in the lease agreement, and the transferee agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of the lease and all other applicable laws and rules of the State.

This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill, but the provisions relating to the Eagle Lake Sporting Camps take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 262 requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to amend its rules expressly to permit bear baiting at sites that are not accessible by road but are accessible by water. It also requires the bureau to issue a permit to place bear bait at a site not accessible by road but accessible by water to any licensed Maine guide who applies in 2017 for such a permit if the applicant held such a permit for that site in 2016 and has not become ineligible for such a permit, unless the bureau finds there is a valid land management reason placement of bait at the site is no longer feasible and the bureau provides the applicant a written explanation of that reason. If the permit is denied for a valid land management reason, the bureau must work with the applicant to seek to find a suitable alternative site that meets the needs of the applicant.

Public Law 2017, chapter 262 directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue a revised lease of land in Township 16, Range 6 current as of the effective date of this Act from the State to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, that changes its term from 15 years to 30 years, notwithstanding the limitation in current law for such leases to be no longer than 15 years. The amendment also provides for successive renewals for terms of 30 years each as long as the land continues to be used for a year-round sporting camp or Class A restaurant and lodge open to the public, as specified in the lease agreement, and the lessee complies with all other terms and conditions of the lease and all other applicable laws and rules of the State. The lessee may request such a 30-year renewal during the 10 calendar years prior to the end of the term of any then-existing lease. A renewal commences at the end of the term of the then-existing lease. The director is also authorized to allow, on reasonable terms and conditions, a transfer of the leasehold interests to another entity if the Eagle Lake Sporting Camps business is sold to another entity, as long as the sale of the business is at an appraised fair market value and the leased land continues to be used for a year-round sporting camp or Class A restaurant and lodge open to the public, as specified in the lease agreement, and the transferee agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of the lease and all other applicable laws and rules of the State.

Public Law 2017, chapter 262 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2017, except that those provisions of the law relating to the Eagle Lake Sporting Camps take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

LD 1127 An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B CARSON B	OTP-AM	H-376

This bill provides for free entry to state parks for those persons who have gold star family registration plates on their motor vehicles, and their passengers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-376)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

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This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 1167 An Act To Deregulate the In-state Extraction and Sale of Raw Honey ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A HICKMAN C	ONTP	

This bill exempts raw honey producers and sellers from licensing and inspection by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry as long as the raw honey is both extracted and sold within the State.

LD 1181 An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities Severely Infested by Brown-tail Moth Caterpillars Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D VITELLI E	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill establishes the Maine Brown-tail Moth Caterpillar Management Fund to provide municipalities severely infested with brown-tail moth caterpillars funds to be used in mitigating the infestation of properties within the municipality. It also provides \$500,000 to the fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-378)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the bill with a resolve that requires the State Entomologist within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to develop best management practices for municipalities to address the browntail moth infestation and provide those best management practices to municipalities across the State. It also requires the State Entomologist to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 15, 2018 with those best management practices recommended to municipalities and the results in municipalities that followed the recommendations.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1182 An Act Regarding the Disclosure of Hormone-disrupting Chemicals in Packaged Food Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BATES D DAVIS P	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires manufacturers and distributors of food or beverage products to submit to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry written notice if an ortho-phthalate, or any other chemical the department determines poses a human health hazard, is present in an amount greater than a de minimus level in the product's container or packaging or the food or beverage within the container or packaging. It requires the department to make information received from manufacturers and distributors available to the public. It authorizes the department to assess a fee on manufacturers and distributors.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-506)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that the requirements of the bill apply only to food products and manufacturers and distributors of food products, but not to beverages or manufacturers or distributors of beverages. It retains the provision that authorizes the department to assess a fee on manufacturers and distributors. The amendment also narrows the group of chemicals included in the reporting requirement to four chemicals belonging in the class of ortho-phthalates and any other ortho-phthalate identified and listed as a chemical of high concern by the Department of Environmental Protection after this legislation takes effect. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1203 An Act To Increase Transparency in Cooperative Agreements within the Veto Sustained
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-418

This bill amends the law governing cooperative agreements and arrangements entered into by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the purpose of controlling diseases of plants and domestic animals and advertising or disseminating information concerning Maine food products. This bill requires the department to:

1. Provide public notice of each proposed cooperative agreement or arrangement;
2. Solicit public comments and provide responses regarding proposed cooperative agreements or arrangements;
3. Consider requests submitted in writing to decline to receive future funding from a cooperative agreement or arrangement; and
4. Report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters regarding the cooperative agreements and arrangements entered into during the previous fiscal year.

Under the bill, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters may schedule a public hearing on any cooperative agreement or arrangement about which the committee has questions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-418)

This amendment removes the requirements in the bill that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry provide public notice of each cooperative agreement or arrangement, solicit public comments, provide responses to public comments and consider requests submitted in writing to decline to receive future funding from a cooperative agreement or arrangement. It also changes the requirement to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters regarding the cooperative agreements and arrangements entered into from an annual requirement to a biennial requirement. The amendment also requires the department to post on its publicly accessible website a description of each cooperative agreement or arrangement entered into during the previous fiscal year, including the expected benefits to the State, the department, the regulated community and the public.

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LD 1369 An Act To Support Local Agricultural Production

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ZEIGLER S	ONTP	

This bill creates the following implementation dates and minimum percentages regarding Maine foodstuffs that state and school purchasers must purchase directly from Maine food producers or food brokers: at least 15% by December 31, 2023; 20% by December 31, 2027; 25% by December 31, 2037; and 35% by December 31, 2038. It exempts from the requirements school purchasers at schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

It also establishes a grant program to provide assistance with kitchen modifications at state and school facilities that lack equipment to prepare Maine foodstuffs and directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to implement the grant program. Grant funds may be used for kitchen modifications or funding kitchen staff at a facility to prepare Maine foodstuffs. The grant program provides a process for exemptions for institutions with kitchens that cannot be modified to prepare Maine foodstuffs from the requirement to meet the implementation schedule.

LD 1445 An Act To Designate the Maine Farm Agricultural Resource Management and Sustainability Recognition Program

PUBLIC 160

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R	OTP-AM	H-377

This bill replaces the Farming for Maine farms program with the Maine Farms Agricultural Resource Management and Sustainability recognition program to recognize sustainable agricultural practices and to increase public awareness of agricultural producer commitment to best management practices.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-377)

This amendment changes the bill title and the name of the recognition program.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 160 replaces the Farming for Maine farms program with the Maine Farms Agricultural Resource Management and Sustainability recognition program to recognize sustainable agricultural practices and to increase public awareness of agricultural producer commitment to best management practices.

LD 1446 An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Information in the Animal Welfare Laws

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J DAVIS P	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill provides that the names of and identifying information about persons who have contracted with or been hired by an entity for the purpose of filming or recording business operations of another entity to provide information pertaining to criminal or civil cruelty to animals to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may be made public.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-379)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that the names of and identifying information about persons who have contracted with or been hired by an entity for the purpose of filming or recording business operations of another entity in order to provide information pertaining to criminal or civil cruelty to animals to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may not be made public unless the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines that it is in the best interest of the public.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1508 An Act To Improve Animal Control in Maine

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(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill establishes a cat license that is optional for cat owners. This bill also directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop strategies to encourage owners of dogs and cats to license their pets, including an advertising and public outreach campaign promoting licensure; offering incentives such as coupons and rewards cards donated by participating businesses; developing an exclusive logo or certificate that may be displayed by supporting businesses; and coordinating with municipalities and other entities authorized to license dogs and cats to disseminate information, notices and flyers promoting licensure.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It removes the optional cat licensing section, changes the bill to a resolve and retains the provision that directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop strategies to encourage owners of dogs to license their pets, including an advertising and public outreach campaign promoting licensure; offering incentives such as coupons and rewards cards donated by participating businesses; developing an exclusive logo or certificate that may be displayed by supporting businesses; and coordinating with municipalities and other entities authorized to license dogs to disseminate information, notices and flyers promoting licensure.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1532 An Act To Modernize the Laws Governing Maine Harness Racing

**PUBLIC 231
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAREAN D	OTP-AM	H-478

This bill amends the laws governing harness racing to require meetings of the State Harness Racing Commission as necessary rather than monthly; authorize the commission to adopt rules providing for standards for licensure and conduct of presiding and associate judges; remove a provision directing the annual appointment of judges by the commission; modify budget requirements to account for current processes; eliminate the requirement for the State Harness Racing Commission to provide paper copies of law booklets to licensees; give the commission authority to request and audit financial records; clarify when purse money must be repaid to the commission for redistribution; place the establishment of minimum race date determinations under the purview of the commission; amend the definition of "commercial track" and "race date" and add a definition of "race day"; change the way disbursements

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from the Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks are calculated; authorize the commission to require that a biological sample, instead of a blood sample, of a horse be taken to test for prohibited substances; and reduce redundant reporting.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-478)

This amendment:

1. Adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause;
2. Clarifies and standardizes the reporting requirements of the State Harness Racing Commission;
3. Eliminates from the bill the proposed amendments to existing harness horse racing license fee provisions;
4. Provides that if the executive director of the State Harness Racing Commission or the commission determines that any of the criteria for race date awards have not been met by a licensee, the executive director must submit a notice of the deficiency to the licensee, regardless of whether the deficiency resulted in the denial of the application for or the refusal to award race dates. A copy of this notice must also be submitted at the same time to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters;
5. Clarifies the rule-making authority of the State Harness Racing Commission regarding oversight and allocation of trust account funds; and
6. Removes the commission's rule-making authority in the bill to establish standards for the use of the Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 231 does the following:

1. Amends the laws governing harness racing to require meetings of the State Harness Racing Commission as necessary rather than monthly;
2. Authorizes the commission to adopt rules providing for standards for licensure and conduct of presiding and associate judges;
3. Removes a provision directing the annual appointment of judges by the commission;
4. Modifies budget requirements to account for current processes;
5. Eliminates the requirement for the State Harness Racing Commission to provide paper copies of law booklets to licensees;
6. Gives the commission authority to request and audit financial records;
7. Clarifies when purse money must be repaid to the commission for redistribution;
8. Places the establishment of minimum race date determinations under the purview of the commission;
9. Amends the definition of "commercial track" and "race date" and add a definition of "race day;"
10. Changes the way disbursements from the Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks are calculated;

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- 11. Authorizes the commission to require that a biological sample, instead of a blood sample, of a horse be taken to test for prohibited substances;
- 12. Reduces redundant reporting;
- 13. Provides that if the executive director of the State Harness Racing Commission or the commission determines that any of the criteria for race date awards have not been met by a licensee, the executive director must submit a notice of the deficiency to the licensee, regardless of whether the deficiency resulted in the denial of the application for or the refusal to award race dates. A copy of this notice must also be submitted at the same time to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters; and
- 14. Clarifies the rule-making authority of the State Harness Racing Commission regarding oversight and allocation of trust account funds.

Public Law 2017, chapter 231 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 19, 2017.

LD 1574 Resolve, To Require Greater Clearing of Vegetation along Portions of CARRIED OVER
Route 161 in the Town of Allagash

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J		

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to contract with third parties to cut back vegetation 20 feet from the edges of portions of Route 161 in the Town of Allagash.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1579 An Act To Amend and Add Consistency to the Maine Weights and PUBLIC 172
Measures Law

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M	OTP-AM	H-392

This bill requires compliance testing of the net contents of packaged goods to meet the specifications set by the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

This bill reinstates the authority of municipalities to appoint local sealers of weights and measures if they choose to do so. Municipalities may use the state weights and measures program if they opt not to appoint a local sealer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-392)

This amendment does the following:

- 1. Removes the provisions that impose a \$10 fine on municipal officers and clerks who neglect their duties with respect to sealers of weights and measures appointed or elected by those municipal officers; and
- 2. Clarifies that if a municipality chooses not to take advantage of the option to appoint or elect a sealer, or fails to provide notice to the state sealer of such an appointment or election, the state sealer retains jurisdiction and may appoint qualified persons to carry out the state sealer's responsibilities in those municipalities.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 172 requires compliance testing of the net contents of packaged goods to meet the specifications set by the National Conference on Weights and Measures. This bill reinstates the authority of municipalities to appoint local sealers of weights and measures if they choose to do so, and clarifies that if a municipality chooses not to take advantage of the option to appoint or elect a sealer, or fails to provide notice to the state sealer of such an appointment or election, the state sealer retains jurisdiction and may appoint qualified persons to carry out the state sealer's responsibilities in those municipalities.

LD 1584 An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy by Promoting Local Foods Procurement

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLI E HICKMAN C		

This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a good local foods procurement program to encourage the purchase and sale of foods that are produced and harvested in this State and that are healthy, safe, wholesome, nutritious, affordable, accessible and sustainably produced.

The program, administered by the commissioner, must help farmers and fishermen in this State by increasing demand for and direct purchasing of their products by individuals and institutions with a goal of increasing the sale and purchase of good local foods by 20% no later than 2025 and supporting local economies, farms, fisheries, jobs, nutrition, environmental sustainability and animal welfare. The program also must improve access to good local foods.

The program must increase the purchase of good local foods by public and private institutions in this State, including, but not limited to, primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, jails, community centers serving senior citizens, child care centers, restaurants and grocery stores.

The program must provide education and outreach for the purpose of supporting farms, farmers' markets and community supported agriculture to further the goal of increasing the sale and purchase of good local foods.

The program must improve access to good local foods for recipients of food supplement program benefits. The commissioner must expand opportunities for farmers to sell good local foods to recipients of food supplement program benefits by promoting the use of electronic benefits transfer cards at farmers' markets and, in partnership with a statewide federation of farmers' markets, encouraging participation in community supported agriculture by recipients of food supplement program benefits. The commissioner must assist farmers' markets in accepting payments through the electronic benefits transfer system by helping them secure scanners and equipment, including equipment that does not require the use of electricity for locations that do not have access to electricity, for processing payments through the electronic benefits transfer system. The commissioner, in partnership with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, must educate recipients of food supplement program benefits of the opportunity to use the benefits at farmers' markets and the advantages of such use.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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LD 1593 An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws To Add Provisions Relating to the Surrender of Animals

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SKOLFIELD T	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill allows the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in cases of alleged cruelty to animals to waive costs and fees associated with the surrender of animals, and to decide that the case should not be sent to the attorney for the State, as long as the person who is subject to the investigation has voluntarily surrendered the animals to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and has not previously been charged with cruelty to animals or charged with animal neglect. If the commissioner waives such costs or fees or decides that the case shouldn't be sent to the attorney for the State, the commissioner shall require the person to sign an affidavit stating that the person will never again possess or own animals of the same species as the animals that were surrendered.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-446)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and provides that the commissioner may not waive costs and fees associated with the surrender of animals or decide that the case should not be sent to the attorney for the State unless the person agrees to sign an affidavit stating that the person will never again possess or own any animals of the same species as the animals that were surrendered until the person can properly care for them and has the financial capacity to properly care for them, as determined by the commissioner.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1598 An Act To Allow the Commercial Growth and Sale of Water Spinach in the State

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE M HILL D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-380

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to provide information about the proper process for obtaining a federal permit to individuals seeking to grow and sell water spinach in Maine and requires the State to allow the commercial growth and sale of water spinach as long as the permittee follows federal guidelines in the construction of any greenhouse and in the handling of the plants after sale.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-380)

This amendment clarifies the language of the bill. The bill suggests that the State is required to complete a permit application and approve the application on behalf of an applicant for a federal permit to grow and sell *Ipomoea aquatica* Forssk., commonly referred to as water spinach, and then approve the application. The amendment clarifies that the State is prohibited from objecting to the issuance of a federal permit as long as federal guidelines and standards for the handling of the plants are followed.

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LD 1601 An Act To Increase Funds Deposited into the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund through the Pet Food Surcharge

**PUBLIC 263
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R	OTP-AM	H-447

This bill eliminates the surcharge assessed on each product name of commercial feed that is pet food or that is pet food from a home-based manufacturer by fiscal year 2019-20. This elimination will be done in phases until the assessed surcharge no longer exists.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-447)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It provides that funds from the surcharge on pet food received for a registration year between \$100,000 and \$157,000 are deposited into the Animal Welfare Fund by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and that funds over \$157,000 are deposited into the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund in addition to the \$100,000 currently provided to the fund in statute.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 263 provides that funds from the surcharge on pet food received for a registration year between \$100,000 and \$157,000 are deposited into the Animal Welfare Fund by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and that funds over \$157,000 are deposited into the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund in addition to the \$100,000 currently provided to the fund in statute.

Public Law 2017, chapter 231 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2017.

LD 1611 An Act To Protect Persons Who Cultivate, Process, Buy and Sell Hemp

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D SANDERSON D		

This bill establishes an industrial hemp pilot program under which educational institutions of higher learning and others are allowed to plant, grow, harvest, process, possess, transport, purchase, sell and distribute industrial hemp for research purposes under a license issued by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The department is required to adopt rules to certify and register sites and license activities related to industrial hemp and to license industrial hemp producer collectives. The rules must address testing procedures and standards, an industrial hemp certified seed program, pollen drift and feral hemp and allow for hemp production indoors, outdoors and in greenhouses.

This bill allows licensees to use industrial hemp clones. It requires the department to encourage collaboration with other states' educational institutions of higher learning and state departments of agriculture. It also prevents industrial hemp from being listed as a primary or secondary noxious-weed seed. It creates a civil violation for a person or entity that violates the new provision.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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**LD 1635 Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands**

RESOLVE 19

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-521

This resolve amends Resolve 2013, chapter 56, which authorizes the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey certain lots or parcels of land in Adamstown Township in Oxford County to the West Richardson Pond Public Lot Association. The resolve instead authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to convey these lots or parcels of land to the individual lessees of each lot or parcel.

The resolve also authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to grant an access easement to the Town of Fort Kent across the Fort Kent State Historic Site to allow for strengthening and heightening of the earthen flood barrier along the St. John River and protect the Fort Kent Blockhouse, a National Historic Landmark, from flooding.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-521)

This amendment removes the section of the resolve authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey certain lots or parcels of land in Adamstown Township in Oxford County to the individual lessees of each lot or parcel. It retains the section that authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to grant an access easement to the Town of Fort Kent across the Fort Kent State Historic Site to allow for strengthening and heightening of the earthen flood barrier along the St. John River and protect the Fort Kent Blockhouse, a National Historic Landmark, from flooding.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 19 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to grant an access easement to the Town of Fort Kent across the Fort Kent State Historic Site to allow for strengthening and heightening of the earthen flood barrier along the St. John River and protect the Fort Kent Blockhouse, a National Historic Landmark, from flooding.

**LD 1640 Resolve, To Allow the Issuance of Open Burn Permits through Private
Online Services**

**RESOLVE 22
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T		

This resolve was not referred to committee.

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry to allow municipalities to purchase and use burn permit software from a private party to issue burn permits online if all statutory requirements of issuing burn permits are met by the software.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 22 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry to allow municipalities to purchase and use burn permit software from a private party to issue burn permits online if all statutory requirements of issuing burn permits are met by the software.

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Resolve 2017, chapter 22 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 4, 2017.

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Enacted

LD 1445 An Act To Designate the Maine Farm Agricultural Resource Management and Sustainability Recognition Program PUBLIC 160

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LD 1369 An Act To Support Local Agricultural Production ONTP
LD 1593 An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws To Add Provisions Relating to the Surrender of Animals Died Between Houses

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Enacted

LD 508 An Act Regarding Restrictions on the Purchase of Certain Animals PUBLIC 131
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LD 157 An Act To Require the Reporting of Animal Cruelty or Neglect ONTP
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LD 662	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Work with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine	ONTP
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LD 173	An Act To Reduce Food Insecurity	CARRIED OVER
LD 175	An Act Regarding the Regulation of Rabbit Production for Local Consumption	Died Between Houses
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LD 1584	An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy by Promoting Local Foods Procurement	CARRIED OVER

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

LD 834	An Act To Restructure Harness Racing within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	ONTP
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Enacted

LD 519	An Act To Allow the Storage of Tents, Campers, Trailers and Other Devices Used for Camping in Campgrounds in the Unorganized Townships	PUBLIC 236
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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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LD 758	An Act To Provide Free Admission for Permanently Disabled Persons at Maine State Parks	ONTP
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Not Enacted

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Enacted

LD 594	An Act To Modify the Definition of "General Use Pesticide"	PUBLIC 59
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Not Enacted

LD 174	An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the Purposes of Providing Information to the Public	CARRIED OVER
LD 418	An Act To Educate the Public on the Proper Use of Pesticides and To Promote Integrated Pest Management Using Existing Resources	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 993	An Act To Protect Pollinators from Neonicotinoid Pesticides	ONTP

Regulated Products

Not Enacted

LD 742	An Act To Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors	CARRIED OVER
LD 1598	An Act To Allow the Commercial Growth and Sale of Water Spinach in the State	Veto Sustained
LD 1611	An Act To Protect Persons Who Cultivate, Process, Buy and Sell Hemp	CARRIED OVER