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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HALL of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Windham, JACKSON of Oxford.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY

This bill changes the term of issuance for an agricultural fair license from 3 years to 4 years.