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**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint
Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Regarding Review of the Department of Agriculture, Food and
Rural Resources under the State Government Evaluation Act**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 550, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (1) Baxter State Park Authority in 2009;
- (2) Department of Conservation in 2011;
- (3) Blueberry Advisory Committee in 2011;
- (4) Board of Pesticides Control in 2011;
- (5) Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine in 2011;
- (6) Seed Potato Board in 2011;
- (7) Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council in 2007;
- (8) Maine Dairy Promotions Board in 2007;
- (9) Maine Milk Commission in 2007;
- (10) State Harness Racing Commission in 2007;
- (11) Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board in 2009;

(12) Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in ~~2009~~ 2017; and

(14) Land for Maine's Future Board in ~~2007~~ 2015.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 337, §2 and affected by §4, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶L, as amended by PL 2009, c. 462, Pt. K, §1, is repealed.

L. Director, Division of Animal Health and Industry; and

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶N, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 337, §2 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

N. Director, Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation;

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶O is enacted to read:

O. Director, Division of Agriculture Resource Development; and

Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. Director, Division of Animal and Plant Health.

Sec. 7. Resolve 2009, c. 63, Sec. 1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop best management practices for poultry production. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall develop best management practices for the production and maintenance of poultry at facilities with more than 10,000 birds ~~and adopt rules to establish standards for these facilities based on the best management practices.~~ The best management practices must be available on the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources' publicly accessible website and included in the next publication of the Manual of Best Management Practices for Maine Agriculture by the department's division of animal health and industry. ~~Rules adopted in accordance with this section are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further~~

SUMMARY

Sec. 1 Changes dates for next review cycle

Sec. 2 Restructures division directors in DAFRR

Sec. 3 amend Resolve 2009, c 63 to remove the requirement that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources establish best management practices for poultry production in rule.