

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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475 AN ACT TO PROTECT AIR QUALITY Hall LV/WD

522 AN ACT TO CREATE THE NUCLEAR ACTIVITY CONSENT LAW Carpenter OTP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD 1631 (PL 1983, c. 381)

**SUMMARY:** This bill brings together in Title 38 several requirements of present law relating to radioactive waste which were scattered in various titles. These include sections on high-level waste, low-level waste and spent nuclear fuel. In addition to repositories, the new draft also requires legislative approval of any other high-level waste facility except for on-site storage of spent fuel.

The bill retains the requirement of the bill for legislative approval of high-level waste facilities. It also responds to the newly enacted United States Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, which allows for state veto of a high-level radioactive waste repository, subject to override by 2 Houses of Congress. The bill provides a specific mechanism for the Legislature and the Governor to act upon a resolve of disapproval, with a time schedule that will meet the federal deadline of 60 days after presidential recommendation of a site.

550 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONTRACT FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY OF MAINE RIVER SITES TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CURRENT-TYPE TURBINES FOR HYDROPOWER PRODUCTION OTP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD 1633 (Private & Special, c. 50)

**SUMMARY:** Appropriates \$25,000 to the Maine Energy Resources Development Fund for research and development of current-type and bulb turbines technology.

562 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANALYSIS OF THE FUTURE OF MAINE'S FOREST RESOURCES Brown, K INDEF. PP

572 AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN BURNING AT MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES Tamaro LV/WD