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STATE OF MAINE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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- 1216 AN ACT TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS FROM THE LOW-LEVEL WASTE SITING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1984 AND JUNE 30, 1985 Mitchell, J LV/WD
- 1232 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND AMEND THE AIR QUALITY STANDARDS AND ESTABLISH A CHROMIUM EMISSION STANDARD Mitchell, J PL 1983, c. 359

SUMMARY: Regulates the emissions of hexavalent chromium, a human respiratory carcinogen, through the establishment of ambient air quality standards and emissions standards for potential emitters of this pollutant.

- 1250 AN ACT TO REVISE THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR MAINE WATERS Pray HELD IN COMMITTEE
- 1251 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC USE AND ENJOYMENT OF MAINE'S IMPORTANT RIVERS Brown, L ONTP
- 1252 AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTION, REGISTRATION AND ABANDONMENT OF DAMS Erwin, E PL 1983, c. 417

SUMMARY: Revises the existing statutes dealing with the inspection, registration and abandonment of dams and the setting of water levels and to transfer the administration of these statutes from the Department of Agriculture Food & Rural Resources to the Department of Environmental Protection.

- 1277 AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPS ON LEASEHOLD LAND OWNED BY THE STATE Dexter HELD IN COMMITTEE
- 1296 AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE WISE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF MAINE'S OUTSTANDING RIVER RESOURCES Kany OTP-ND

Enacted in New Draft as LD 1721 (PL 1983 c 458)

SUMMARY: In passing this bill, the Legislature decided that a policy concerning the future care and development of Maine's rivers and streams was necessary to strike a balance among the various, and sometimes conflicting, user of those waterways. In order to implement this policy the Legislature found it appropriate to:

prohibit the permitting or licensing of new dams on 1,051 miles

of 18 outstanding river segments;

amend the shoreland zoning statute's declaration of policy to acknowledge that certain river segments deserve special treatment because of their outstanding river resource values;

require demonstration that there are no better alternatives to proposed alterations before granting a permit on the 720 miles of listed river segments;

encourage the establishment of river corridor commissions responsible for creating and implementing a comprehensive plan of shoreland zoning on the State's rivers;

create one-stop hydropower project licensing, with review criteria appropriate to these developments, including consideration of its economic benefits;

create the Commission on Local Land Use Violations to review the use of the state's court system to resolve violations of land use laws. The Commission is to identify problems, evaluate alternative remedies and report to the Legislature during the 2nd Regular Session of the 111th.

1302 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE SCARPINO HELD IN
COASTAL PROTECTION FUND COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill is designed to clarify the procedure for payment of oil pollution damage claims. The bill clarifies the responsibility of the Treasurer of State to withhold payment of damage claims until expiration of the appeal period or, in the event of an appeal, until entry of final judgment on the appeal. If a final determination of the Board of Arbitration is vacated or modified on appeal, the Treasurer of State shall pay only those damage claims upheld on appeal from the Maine Coastal Protection Fund.

1303 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE SCARPINO PL 1983, c. 273
COASTAL PROTECTION FUND

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1304 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE STATE CONNERS CNTP
TO CONVEY ITS INTEREST IN THE
PUBLIC LOTS IN THE TOWN OF
GREAT POND TO THE INHABITANTS
OF GREAT POND