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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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1649 AN ACT TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING TO CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS WASTE DUMP IN BUCKFIELD Twitchell P&SL 1983, c. 55

SUMMARY: This bill authorized immediate funding to clean up a hazardous waste dump in Buckfield which presents an imminent risk to the health and environment of that community.

1680 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND AMEND THE AIR EMISSION AND OPEN-BURNING STANDARDS Hall PL 1983, c. 504

SUMMARY: This bill consolidates provisions dealing with open-burning into Titles 12 and 38. It also resolves certain conflicts between DEP and Department of Conservation open-burning rules, establishes an allowable particulate emission rates for new: existing fuel-burning equipment with a capacity greater than 3 million BTUs., establishes a sulfur content limit for solid fuels, defines the "lowest achievable emission rate", and specifies recordkeeping requirements for residual oil or bituminous coal importers and test methods to be used to demonstrate compliance with the rule.

1695 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND Michael OIP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD 1762 (PL 1983 c. 574)

SUMMARY: This bill authorized the DEP to charge applicants for time spent reviewing license and permit applications. The department must create an accounting system to keep track of time and resources expended in license review and is required to report to the next session of the legislature on the methods developed. All fees assessed will go into a newly created Maine Environmental Protection Fund which will be controlled by the Legislature.

1722 AN ACT RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF MAINE'S OUTSTANDING RIVERS (SEE LD 1296) Kany, J NOT ACCEPTED

1772 AN ACT TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION OF ON-SITE IMPACTS OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS UNDER THE SITE LOCATION LAW Kany PL 1983, c. 513

SUMMARY: This bill reverses the interpretation of the Site Location Development law given by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in Valentine v. Bd of Environmental Protection, Decision No. 3247, June 14, 1983, and thus assures the consideration of on-site impacts of major developments by the Board of Environmental Protection.