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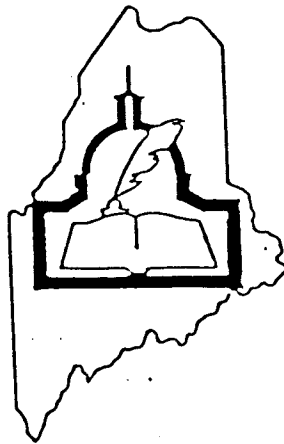
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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(COMMITTEE REPORT) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2397	AN ACT TO MODIFY STATE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES INCLUDED UNDER THE CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION LAW	Andrews	PL 1983, c. 708 EMER.

SUMMARY: This new draft (new title) of LD 2036 extends the reporting date under the Chemical Substances Identification Law to April 14, 1984.

2400	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TESTING OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES FOR CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS WHERE CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS ARE SUSPECTED BY STATE AGENCIES	Mitchell, J.	PL 1983, c. 837
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2054 limits the maximum fee for testing drinking water to \$150 when DHS has reason to suspect contamination hazardous to human health. Although the fee for a basic water test is only \$22, additional testing for chemical pollutants can be very expensive. As amended by SA (S-428), the bill appropriates \$87,500 to DHS. There is also provision for recovery of costs from the polluter.

2410	AN ACT TO AMEND THE AIR EMISSION LICENSE LAW	Ridley	PL 1983, c. 760
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 1917 removes an unconstitutional clause in the definition of air pollution which excluded areas on the property of the source, and subject to employer-employee contracts. Instead, the BEP is authorized to determine by rule the extent to which ambient air quality standards apply on that property.

2418	AN ACT RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF LAND USE LAWS		PL 1983, c. 796
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2069 does the following:

- Expands the equitable jurisdiction of the District Court to cover violations of state and local land use laws;
- Requires appointment of code enforcement officers in all municipalities. A code enforcement officer may be authorized to serve civil process and represent a municipality in court, provided that the officer is certified by a state certification program;
- Provides uniform penalties for all violations of land use laws, including a mandatory minimum penalty of \$100;
- Provides that a violator may be ordered to abate or correct the violation. If the violation was wilful, the court must order abatement or correction, unless this would cause other damage, danger, or injustice;
- Requires an award of attorneys' fees to a prevailing municipality in a land use violation case, unless special circumstances make such an award unjust.