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### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

1466

AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF MINERAL EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCLOSURE

BROWN L RIDLEY

ND of 771

HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED PUBLIC CH # 201

### SUMMARY:

The original bill, LD 771, was replaced with a new draft presented at the public hearing. The new draft is partially a housekeeping measure to update statutory language and procedures dealing with mining exploration and development activities conducted on state-owned lands. Those changes were recommended by the Mineral Policy Task Force appointed by Governor Brennan. The new draft also adds a new subchapter designed to provide information to the State, the communities involved and the general public on mining exploration and development activities that take place anywhere in the State. The new draft requires companies anticipating filing for a permit from the State to mine metallic deposits on a site larger than 20 acres to file notice of that intent with the Director of the Maine Geological Survey and to publish notice in the newspaper. The new draft also requires anyone conducting mineral exploration costing more than \$25,000 a year on any land within the State to register with the Director of the Maine Geological Survey.

LD: 1468 ND of 102 RESOLUE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE CITY OF AUGUSTA TO ESTABLISH A GREENBELT AREA ON STATE-OWNED LAND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE KENNEBEC RIVER

PARADIS P BUSTIN HICKEY SPROUL

HOUSE Finally Passed SENATE Finally Passed GOV SIGNED RESOLVE CH # 31

H-149 HA PARADIS P H-168 HB PARADIS P

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#### SUMMARY:

This is a New Draft of LD 102; the new draft was substantially amended on the floor by H-168. The original bill would have appropriated \$80,000 from the General Fund to establish a greenbelt on the state-owned land on the east bank of the Kennebec in Augusta in accordance with the master plan developed by the Department of Conservation. During committee worksessions it was pointed out that the master plan was badly outdated and that it should be revised before development of a greenbelt. Use of state funds to develop a greenbelt which was seen as essentially a local asset was also criticized