

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 707      An Act to Promote Plumbing Efficiency**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MITCHELL J	ONTP	
ADAMS		
HEESCHEN		
WENTWORTH		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have enacted plumbing efficiency standards for new plumbing fixtures installed as part of new construction or renovation to help conserve water supplies and energy. Basic standards for toilets, shower heads and faucets are proposed. Residential construction would have had to be in compliance with these standards by July 1, 1992; commercial construction, by July 1, 1993.

Exemptions would have been allowed for repairs that do not involve plumbing, noncompatible plumbing systems, residential buildings on private wells and for special-purpose plumbing fixtures. Municipalities would have had to enforce these provisions to be eligible for pollution abatement grants.

In addition, this bill proposed to require water utilities to undertake water conservation and education programs, to make conservation fixtures available to their consumers and to educate their users on the hazards of disposing of inappropriate wastes in their toilets.

**LD 708      An Act to Restrict the Transportation of Low-level Radioactive Waste**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WEBSTER	ONTP	
HUSSEY		
GOULD R A		
SUMMERS		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited low-level radioactive waste generators and operators of storage or disposal facilities from transporting any low-level radioactive waste generated during the production of energy more than 10 miles from the site at which it was generated.

**LD 715      An Act to Dedicate Fines Collected from Political Subdivisions to a Technical Assistance Program**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
KANY	ONTP	
JACQUES		
MITCHELL J		
LORD		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have created a "Political Subdivision Assistance Fund" to provide loans, grants and technical assistance to assist political subdivisions in complying with federal and state environmental laws. The fund was to be a dedicated account, capitalized from civil penalties assessed under the general penalty provisions of the Department of Environmental Protection, Title 38, section 349.