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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH 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:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<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 1540 An Act to Improve Coordination of Municipal and State Review of Environmental Permits CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
LUDWIG
GOULD R A

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to reduce duplicative review by state and municipal reviewing authorities for projects regulated under the natural resource protection laws and the site location of development laws. This bill proposes to allow the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to review municipal comprehensive plans and land use regulations to determine if they offer protection consistent with the standards of the natural resource protection laws and the site location of development laws. If so, the commissioner may substitute the municipal review and permit for Department of Environmental Protection review.

LD 1551 An Act to Supplement State Environmental Enforcement CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
COLES
MARSH
TREAT

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to allow Maine residents to initiate enforcement actions for alleged violations of laws protecting the environment and the State's natural resources.

LD 1577 An Act to Amend Certain Laws Affecting the Department of Environmental Protection PUBLIC 499 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ANDERSON OTP-AM H-630
GOULD R A H-666 JACQUES

SUMMARY

This is the Department of Environmental Protection's omnibus bill. It requires that those vehicles involved in the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas or liquefied natural gas obtain a hazardous materials transport license. It removes the term restrictions for the representative from the Department of Environmental Protection on the Board of Underground Oil Storage Tank Installers.

The bill amends the underground tank installers laws to specify that civil penalties for disciplinary action authorized by Public Law 1989, chapter 845 accrue to either the Ground Water Oil Cleanup Fund or the Hazardous Waste Fund.

The bill allows persons with individual or commercial licensed overboard discharges eligible for a state contribution for the removal of the discharge to proceed with the removal and be reimbursed in the future when the specific removal gains a sufficiently high position on the Department's priority list.