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**STATE OF MAINE
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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 1748 Resolve, Providing for a Study to Determine Whether In-state Training Should Be Offered to Persons Involved in the Handling and Disposition of Hazardous Wastes LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GWADOSKY LV/WD

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to undertake a comprehensive study of the training needs of people who handle and dispose of hazardous wastes.

LD 1789 Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Commission on Maine Lakes RESOLVE 37 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
KANY OTP-AM S-316
COLES
HOGLUND

SUMMARY

This resolve extends the reporting date of the Commission on Maine Lakes from January 31, 1991 to November 1, 1991. The committee amendment (S-316) adds a fiscal note.

LD 1816 An Act to Allow Municipalities to Request Extensions under the Growth Management Laws PUBLIC 278 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MARSH OTP-AM H-517
TITCOMB
LORD
MICHAUD

SUMMARY

The State's growth management laws require a municipality to submit zoning ordinances to the State for review and comment one year after submission of its comprehensive plan. Under the State's growth management laws, existing comprehensive plans not consistent with the provisions of this bill become invalid 6 months after the date the plan must be submitted to the State for review and comment. This invalidation of the plan also puts the legal validity of any existing zoning ordinance in jeopardy.

This bill, as amended by committee amendment "A" (H-517), expressly extends the validity of an existing comprehensive plan for an additional 6 months and the existing zoning ordinance for at least 12 more months, giving the municipality time to adopt a plan consistent with the provisions of this bill and propose amendments to the zoning ordinance to make it consistent with the new plan.

This bill, as amended, allows a municipality to request an extension of up to 6 additional months of the deadline for submission of its zoning ordinance. The Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning in the Department of Economic and Community Development would be required to grant the extension if it determined that the municipality was attempting, in good faith, to comply with the requirements of the laws.