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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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SPEAR**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-461**SUMMARY**

This bill would have exempted a facility that generates small amounts of hazardous waste from the \$50 registration fee required by the toxics use and hazardous waste reduction law if the only hazardous wastes generated at the facility are solvents used in cleaning sinks.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-461) replaces the bill. The amendment exempts small quantity generators of hazardous waste from the registration requirement in the toxics use and hazardous waste reduction law, provided at least some portion of that generator's hazardous waste was recorded in the manifest system required by the Department of Environmental Protection. Those generators would still be required to pay the \$50 toxics use fee. The amendment also changes the due date for registration forms for hazardous waste generators and toxics users to April 15th. This amendment does not affect the current registration or fee requirement for large quantity generators.

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SPEAR**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-44**SUMMARY**

The bill proposed several changes to the laws concerning the Maine Water Well Drilling Program and the regulation of well drilling.

Committee amendment "A" (H-44) replaces the bill. The amendment:

1. Limits the definition of well to "any hole drilled, driven or bored into the earth used to extract drinking water." Dug wells and monitoring wells are added to the exclusions already in existing law;
2. Limits pump installer registration to persons who perform the initial installation of a pump in a well. Persons who repair, replace or remove pumps in existing wells are specifically exempted from this definition. Licensed master plumbers are not required to register with the Maine Water Well Drilling Commission or take an examination in order to perform the work of a pump installer;
3. Clarifies that exams are required for anyone registering as a well driller or pump installer after January 1, 1994 and for anyone upgrading from apprentice to journeyman well driller or from journeyman to master well driller;
4. Clarifies the definitions of apprentice, journeyman and master well drillers based on the definitions for similar categories pertaining to electricians;
5. Clarifies that rule-making activities apply only to the adoption of a minimum code of performance;
6. Provides that a geotechnical well driller is retained as a member of the commission; and
7. Removes the allocation section from the bill.

This amendment retains those changes in the bill pertaining to a reduction in the hours of experience required for registration in various categories and the provisions on reciprocity.

LD 49 An Act to Set Reasonable Dioxin Levels CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GRAY

SUMMARY

This bill establishes an ambient water quality standard for dioxin consistent with the guidance standard developed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and based on the best available scientific evidence. The committee voted to carry over the bill.

LD 65 Resolve, Concerning Long-term Protection from ONTP
Low-level Radioactive Waste

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
HOLT ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve would have directed the Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to study the feasibility of separating long-lived and short-lived radioactive waste streams in waste from the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company.

The committee chairs sent a letter to the Authority requesting that the study be performed, and that the Authority report its results to the committee, preferably by November 1, 1993.

LD 93 An Act to Require Outhouses to Be Removed from ONTP
Shoreland Zones

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
KUTASI ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited the construction of outhouses in shoreland zones around rivers or great ponds and would have required persons who currently have outhouses in shoreland zones to remove them within one year.

LD 95 An Act Prohibiting Licensed Septic Disposal Facilities on ONTP
Leased Land

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
KUTASI ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that a septage site be owned by the person applying for a septage permit.