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BILL SUMMARIES
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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, 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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LD 975 An Act to Allow for the Use of Multi-layered Packages ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN ALIBERTI	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the State's ban on composite beverage containers to allow the sale of aseptic beverage packing (juice boxes). This beverage packaging would also have been exempt from the bottle deposit laws. The substance of this bill was incorporated into the majority committee report on LD 256 and was subsequently enacted.

LD 990 An Act to Supplement Environmental Enforcement ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed a Maine resident to initiate an enforcement action for an alleged violation of laws protecting the environment and the State's natural resources.

The minority amendment would have provided that citizen suits are available only for violation of laws, rules, orders, ordinances, permits and licenses contained in or issued under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38 or Title 30-A, chapter 187, regarding local land use ordinances. The amendment also would have prohibited the court from awarding costs or attorney's fees to any party in a citizen suit and prohibited the initiation of a citizen suit if the Department of Environmental Protection, a municipal officer or the Attorney General is pursuing informal action that corrects the violation. Finally, the amendment deleted a provision permitting intervention in administrative or Attorney General enforcement actions, as a matter of right, for any affected person.

LD 1290 An Act to Amend the Shoreland Zoning Laws ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ST. ONGE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

LD 1290 proposed to prohibit the Department of Environmental Protection from requiring that towns zone areas around moderate value wetlands as resource protection in their shoreland zoning ordinances. The bill also proposed to prohibit the establishment of resource protection districts that extend more than 100 feet around high value wetlands and to require that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection establish definitions for low, moderate and high value wetlands.

LD 1446 An Act to Establish an Ambient Water Toxics Program PUBLIC 720

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES	OTP-AM	H-1072 H-1091 MARTIN J

SUMMARY

This bill requires the development and implementation of a comprehensive, five-year program to monitor the waters of the State for toxic contamination. This bill was introduced in direct response to a legislative initiative in 1992, P.L. 1991, chapter 735.