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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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was prepared waived the privilege or other circumstances existed. The bill proposed to establish a procedure to have the court determine when the privilege may be applied when enforcement authorities request, subpoena or seize an environmental audit report. The bill proposed penalties for violating the nondisclosure requirements.

LD 1135

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 374, Rules Regarding the Traffic Movement Standard of the Site Location of Development Law, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality

**RESOLVE 18
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1135 proposed to authorize adoption of Chapter 374, Rules Regarding the Traffic Movement Standard of the Site Location of Development Law, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 18 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 374, Rules Regarding the Traffic Movement Standard of the Site Location of Development Law, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality.

This resolve was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 7, 1997.

LD 1136

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 378, Variance Criteria for the Excavation of Rock, Borrow, Topsoil, Clay or Silt and Performance Standards for the Storage of Petroleum Products, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality

**RESOLVE 30
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-278

LD 1136 proposed to authorize adoption of Chapter 378, Variance Criteria for the Excavation of Rock, Borrow, Topsoil, Clay or Silt and Performance Standards for the Storage of Petroleum Products, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-278) proposed to require that prior to final adoption of Chapter 378: Variance Criteria for the Excavation of Rock, Borrow, Topsoil, Clay or Silt and Performance Standards for the Storage of Petroleum Products, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, the rule be amended as follows: to require that storm water quality standards appropriate for the area apply to variances for externally drained excavation pits; to require that owners or operators of excavation sites where petroleum products will be stored submit a spill prevention, control and countermeasures plan to the department for review prior to beginning operations; and to authorize the department to require that such a plan include provisions for monitoring groundwater quality.