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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

JULY 1999

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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:

- CARRIED OVER*..... *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- ENACTMENT FAILED*..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*
- NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
- INDEF PP*..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*..... *Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

additional inspection fees incurred by the Maine Emergency Management Agency in connection with an inspection relating to a transfer of ownership.

Chapter 71 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 1999.

LD 593

An Act to Promote the Recycling of Fish Scales as Agricultural Fertilizer

**PUBLIC 283
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
KILKELLY
PIEH

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-183

LD 593 proposed to extend to fish scales the same exemption from Maine's solid waste laws accorded to waste resulting from agricultural activities, as long as these fish scales are returned to the soils as fertilizers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-183) proposed to replace the bill, add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause. It proposed to allow a person to use fish scales as a crop nutrient supplement without a license as long as the type of scales and the process for extracting, handling and spreading the scales have received initial review and approval by the Department of Environmental Protection, that the farm using fish scales has developed and implemented a nutrient management plan and that the person supplying the fish scales provides the department with the name of the person receiving the scales, the location where the scales will be used and the quantity of the fish scales shipped within seven days of shipping the scales.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 283 allows a person to use fish scales as a crop nutrient supplement without a license as long as the type of scales and the process for extracting, handling and spreading the scales have received initial review and approval by the Department of Environmental Protection, that the farm using fish scales has developed and implemented a nutrient management plan and that the person supplying the fish scales provides the department with the name of the person receiving the scales, the location where the scales will be used and the quantity of the fish scales shipped within seven days of shipping the scales.

Chapter 283 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 21, 1999.

LD 638

**An Act to Amend the Closure and Remediation Cost-sharing Program
Concerning Landfills**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
CASSIDY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 638 proposed to allow public entities to be eligible for reimbursement or cost-sharing grants for costs incurred in the closure or remediation of a solid waste landfill if the public entity accepted responsibility for the closure of a landfill.