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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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](http://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.

experimental status to general use status and that establish clear guidelines for installing such systems. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 1516**

**An Act Concerning Disposal of Solid Waste from Decommissioning Activities**

**PUBLIC 366  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREAT SHIAH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-285
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LD 1516 proposed to establish a permit requirement for disposal in this State of decommissioning materials from a nuclear power plant. The bill also proposed to require advance notice to any municipality in which decommissioning materials are proposed to be disposed of.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-285)** proposed to replace the bill by requiring that municipalities be given advance notice of the amount, type and delivery schedule of decommissioning waste from closed nuclear power plants before it is disposed of within their boundaries. The amendment also proposed to extend the tenure of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning for another year. The amendment proposed to specify that reimbursements to the Department of Environmental Protection for decommissioning costs may not exceed \$50,000 per year. It also adds an emergency preamble, and an emergency clause to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 366 requires that municipalities be given advance notice of the amount, type and delivery schedule of decommissioning waste from closed nuclear power plants before it is disposed of within their boundaries. The law also extends the tenure of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning for another year. The law specifies that reimbursements to the Department of Environmental Protection for decommissioning costs may not exceed \$50,000 per year.

Chapter 366 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 1999.

**LD 1517**

**An Act Concerning Transportation of Radioactive Waste**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREAT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1517 proposed to require that a person shipping high-level radioactive waste out of the State have a permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**LD 1519**

**An Act to Encourage Environmental Management Systems**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAIGLE	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1519 proposes to establish a state policy to encourage facilities to develop and implement environmental management systems that conform to international standards. The bill proposes to require the Commissioner of