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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**  
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**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.

Environmental Protection to implement an incentives program to encourage facilities to implement environmental management systems by offering regulatory relief to facilities that implement certified environmental management systems. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 1520**

**An Act Requiring Maine to Adopt the Federal Rules Regarding Universal Waste**

**PUBLIC 340  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAIGLE	OTP-AM	H-482

LD 1520 proposed to require the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules for the management of certain hazardous wastes, including batteries, pesticides and thermostats, that are managed under the federal universal waste rules. The bill proposed to require that the rules incorporate the management standards established in the federal rules regarding universal waste.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-482)** proposed to replace the bill by specifically requiring the Board of Environmental Protection, by January 1, 2000, to adopt the United States Environmental Protection Agency universal waste rules regarding batteries and to further require the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules regarding other universal wastes, excluding pesticides.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 340 requires the Board of Environmental Protection, by January 1, 2000, to adopt the United States Environmental Protection Agency universal waste rules regarding batteries and further requires the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules regarding other universal wastes, excluding pesticides.

Chapter 340 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 26, 1999.

**LD 1536**

**Resolve, to Direct the Land and Water Resources Council to Develop a Report and Proposed Actions to Control Dioxin Emissions and Discharges**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BULL TREAT	ONTP	

LD 1536 proposed to require the Land and Water Resources Council to develop a long-range strategy to evaluate and reduce levels of dioxin contamination in Maine's environment. The council would be required to submit its recommendations as part of its annual report beginning in January, 2000. The resolve also proposed to give the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources authority to report out legislation regarding the reduction of dioxin emissions and discharges to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.