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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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).

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.

LD 1822

An Act Allowing Kelly Sanborn to Remain in Her Current Residence

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACK	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1822 proposed to allow Kelly Sanborn and her family to reside in an apartment in Standish with the current septic system.

LD 1823

An Act to Increase Accessibility to the Department of Environmental Protection Clean-up Funds for Businesses

**PUBLIC 375
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KILKELLY HONEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-286
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LD 1823 proposed to change the eligibility requirements for commercial establishments to receive state grants under the Small Community Grant Program to clean up individual malfunctioning wastewater systems by basing eligibility on federal taxable income rather than gross profit. The bill proposed to limit businesses that qualify for the grants to those with \$25,000 or less in annual taxable income.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-286) proposed to change the eligibility requirements for commercial establishments to receive assistance under the Small Community Grant Program by clarifying the definition of gross profit and allowing commercial establishments with \$100,000 or less in gross profit to be eligible for grants. The amendment proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to reimburse applicants for eligible projects serving commercial establishments and undertaken in 1999 when funds become available through the sale of bonds. The amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 375 changes the eligibility requirements for commercial establishments to receive assistance under the Small Community Grant Program by clarifying the definition of gross profit and allowing commercial establishments with \$100,000 or less in gross profit to be eligible for grants. The law authorizes the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to reimburse applicants for eligible projects serving commercial establishments and undertaken in 1999 when funds become available through the sale of bonds.

Chapter 375 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 1999.

LD 1835

An Act to Amend the Department of Environmental Protection Laws

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1835 proposed to amend the Department of Environmental Protection's permit-by-rule notification form by adding language that the department may not enter upon the applicant's land without prior knowledge or consent for each visit. The bill proposed to stipulate that an administrative consent agreement may not require a violator to waive any rights to