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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

- 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
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 2228

An Act to Provide for Alternative Treatment of Biomedical Waste

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	ONTP	

LD 2228 proposed to authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to license a type of biomedical waste disposal or treatment facility that uses microwave disinfection technology if, after treatment, the waste no longer meets the definition of biomedical waste.

LD 2278

An Act to Amend the Low-emission Vehicle Program

PUBLIC 582

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY MARTIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-839 MARTIN S-486

LD 2278 proposed to repeal the state triggers for the low-emission vehicle program and language concerning the reformulated gasoline program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-486), which was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, proposed to preserve that portion of the bill that removes the state triggers for the low-emission vehicle program but also to provide that the low-emission vehicle program may not include the adoption, sale or use of California reformulated gasoline. The amendment also proposed to remove obsolete language concerning a study that was due January 1, 2000.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-839) proposed to require that, by December 1, 2000, the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Environmental Protection evaluate the feasibility of the State's zero-emission vehicle mandate in existence on March 1, 2000. The amendment proposed to specify that, following the evaluation, any rule adopted by the board that contains a zero-emission vehicle mandate would be a major substantive rule.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 582 repeals the state triggers for the low-emission vehicle program; provides that the low-emission vehicle program may not include the adoption, sale or use of California reformulated gasoline; removes obsolete language concerning a study that was due January 1, 2000; requires that, by December 1, 2000, the Board of Environmental Protection evaluate the feasibility of the State's zero-emission vehicle mandate in existence on March 1, 2000; and specifies that, following the evaluation, any rule adopted by the board that contains a zero-emission vehicle mandate is a major substantive rule.