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*State Of Maine
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*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

LD 599 proposed to require that engine coolant or antifreeze that contains more than 10% ethylene glycol or propylene glycol must include an aversive agent that makes it taste bitter so that it is rendered unpalatable, to reduce the risk of poisoning of household pets and other small animals.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-162), the majority report, proposed to direct the Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to review the effects of antifreeze, engine coolant and aversive agents, including denatonium benzoate, on the environment and small animals. The proposed amendment would direct the Department of Environmental Protection to submit its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 30, 2006 and would authorize the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-163), the minority report, proposed to delete the requirement in the bill that engine coolant or antifreeze that contains more than 10% propylene glycol must include an aversive agent. It proposed to add a limitation of liability for damage to the environment or natural resources or economic loss that results from the inclusion of an aversive agent. It also proposed to make the Act effective when at least 3 New England states, excluding Maine, have adopted similar laws. This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 14 directs the Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to review the effects of antifreeze, engine coolant and aversive agents, including denatonium benzoate, on the environment and small animals. It also directs the Department of Environmental Protection to submit its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 30, 2006 and authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 605

An Act To Revise the Site Location of Development Laws

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
KOFFMAN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 605 proposed to exempt campgrounds that exceed 30 acres in total acreage from the 3-acre maximum impervious surface area restriction in the site location of development laws. The bill would allow campgrounds that exceed 30 acres in total acreage to have impervious surfaces that do not exceed 10% of the total campground acreage.

LD 608

An Act To Assist Municipal Implementation and Enforcement of Storm Water Management Programs

PUBLIC 240

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Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted