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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES LEGISLATION
111th Legislature, First Regular Session

<u>ID</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUB-DIVISION LAW	Richard	LV/WD
SUMMARY:			
44	AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE CHRISTMAS TREE LAW TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION FOR TRANSPORTATION	Perkins, A	LV/WD
58	AN ACT TO PERMIT MOTORCYCLES IN BAXTER STATE PARK	Webster	INDEF. PP
60	AN ACT TO EXEMPT GOLD PANNING FROM STATE REGULATION	Webster	LV/WD
105	AN ACT TO ENABLE THE SALE OF CAMP LOTS TO OWNERS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS	Dexter	LV/WD
141	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE LOCATION OF A REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITY IN A MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS	McHolland	LV/WD
143	AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SEPTAGE DISPOSAL	Diamond, G	PL 1983, C. 11

SUMMARY: Authorizes municipalities to regulate septage disposal sites as well as solid waste facilities.

145	AN ACT TO EXTINGUISH OBSOLETE MINERAL AND MINING RIGHTS	Perkins, T	OTP-ND
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SUMMARY: Enacted in new draft as LD1414 (PL 1983, c. 189)
Provides for extinguishment of mineral rights that have not been used for 50 or more years. The bill cross references the procedures to quiet title, requiring that the surface property owner petition a court for ownership of the mineral rights and make diligent efforts to provide actual notice to any person who owns mineral rights that

are being extinguished. The mineral rights may not be extinguished until 2 years after this notice has been provided. The owner, assignee or lessee of the mineral interest may reassert his rights during this period by filing a statement of claim with the registrar of deeds.

161 AN ACT TO PREVENT THE CLOSING OF FIRE LOCKOUT TOWERS Rolde, N OTP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD 1613 (PL 1983, c. 367)

SUMMARY: Requires the director of the Maine Forest Service to notify the Legislature if he determines that any currently active fire tower should not be reopened for the subsequent fire season. This notice must be provided by January 15th, and must contain the location of the towers affected, and the justification for their closure.

214 AN ACT PLACING THE BURDEN OF JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY LAND USE CONTROL MEASURE ON MUNICIPALITIES ONCE A PRIMA FACIE SHOWING OF EXCLUSION HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED Twitchell LV/WD

216 AN ACT LIMITING ALL DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN LAND USE CONTROL ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS TO THOSE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY Twitchell LV/WD

243 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LONG-FELLOW WILDERNESS PRESERVE Mitchell, J OTP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD 1579 (Resolve, c. 34)

SUMMARY: Directs the State Planning Office to inventory the virgin timber stands and unique alpine habitats on state-owned lands. The study is to be submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

313 AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS WHO ASSIST IN MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF DISCHARGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Diamond, G PL 1983, c. 111

SUMMARY: Provides immunity from civil suit for persons who assist in mitigating or attempting to mitigate the effects of discharges of hazardous materials. This immunity is not available for persons who caused the discharge, are compensated for their assistance, or act with gross negligence or recklessness.