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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



JULY, 1985

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1230
EMERGENCY

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF
PERSONAL SERVICES UNDER THE MAINE HAZARDOUS
WASTE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985

MITCHELL
JACQUES
DEXTER
USHER

OTP HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV EMER SIGNED

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SUMMARY:

The bill provided \$25,000 for FY 85 to continue the hazardous waste program in the DEP. The funds are drawn from dedicated revenues.

LD: 1231 AN ACT AFFECTING ENFORCEMENT OF MAINE'S
HAZARDOUS WASTE LAWS

WARREN
TRAFTON
CARPENTER
STETSON

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed an amendment to the DEP's right of entry in the enforcement of hazardous waste laws. The change would have explicitly required that the DEP agent have "probable cause to believe that a violation ... has been committed". The DEP and the Attorney General's Office strongly opposed the bill arguing that this would inhibit the Department's ability to enforce the provisions of its existing licenses which include a right of entry without cause. In situations involving an alleged unlicensed violation, existing criminal procedure already requires probable cause. The Committee accepted these arguments and rejected the bill.

LD: 1232 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE'S ZONING LAWS

MCGOWAN

ND: 1514

OTP-ND-NT HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See New Draft LD 1514.