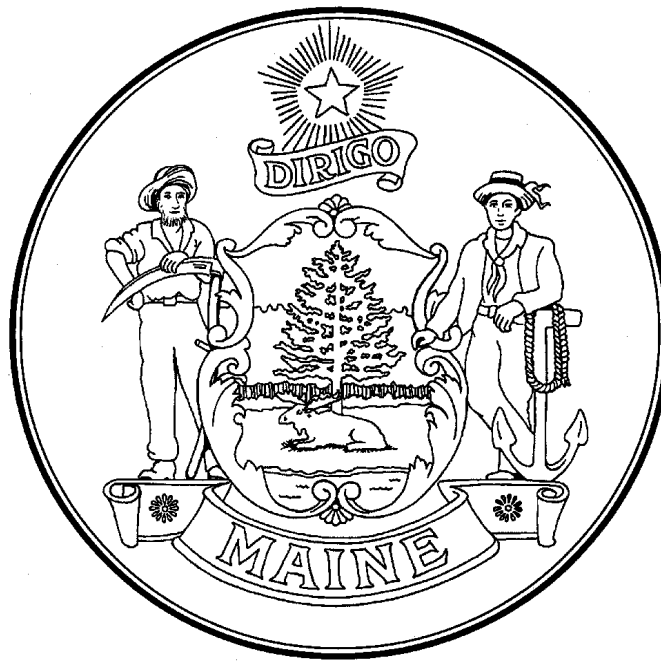


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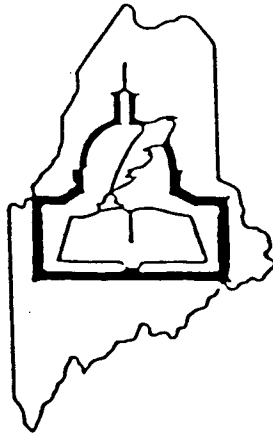
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All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

SUMMARY: Se New Draft, LD 2072.

LD AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SURFACE DISCHARGE OF LVWD
1857 GROUND WATER WITHDRAWN FOR USE IN HEAT PUMPS

Sponsor: COLES, Usher, Holloway, McGowan
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have prohibited the discharge of ground water used in a heat pump system unless it were returned to the aquifer from which it had been withdrawn. Owners of heat pumps on January 1, 1986 would have had 3 years to comply with the law. During work sessions several alternative approaches were discussed; among them: limiting application of the prohibition to coastal areas, banning open-loop system, and requiring any heat pump system to be of the closed loop type. In the end, there were too many unanswered questions regarding the extent of heat pump use, their environmental impact, the relative merits of closed vs. open-loop system, and the impact of regulating their use. As a result leave was granted to the sponsor to withdraw the bill.

LD AN ACT TO PERMIT STATE REGULATION OF DAM ONTP
1874 IMPOUNDMENT AREAS

Sponsor: DAVIS, Jacques
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would have repealed the exemption for certain bodies of water created by dams authorized under the Federal Power Act from the regulatory authority of the BEP to establish a water level regime for those impoundments. Discussion at Committee work sessions indicated that there are 41 exempted dams held by 6 owners and that occasional conflicts do occur between dam owners and landowners. However, it seemed that given the small number of dam owners and the nature of the conflicts, resolution of those conflicts might best be accomplished without legislative action. Accordingly, the DEP was asked to set up a meeting with dam owners to discuss the problem (4 of the 6 dam owners were represented at the work sessions and agreed). The meeting has been expanded to include land owners, lake associations and wildlife groups.