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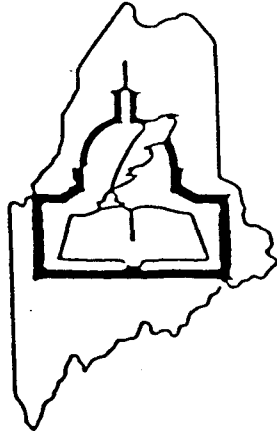
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

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

LD AN ACT TO FAIRLY APPORTION THE COST OF WATER
2357 SYSTEM EXTENSIONS OR SERVICE LINES

PL 1985
c. 716

Sponsor: ROLDE, Murphy, T., Clark, N.
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1747

SUMMARY: This new draft changes the language for clarity and retains the intent of the original bill to authorize the governing body of a municipal or quasi-municipal water utility to require persons served by a water main extension or service line to pay for it. The Public Utilities Commission will establish rules for apportionment of the costs among customers. The new draft only deals with water main extensions or service lines, not with other kinds of expansions.

The new draft also authorizes the utility to charge an assessment on all property abutting a water main extension, although the property owner may defer payment for property which is not hooked up until it is hooked up. The governing body will establish rules governing exemptions, payment schedules and other details.

LD AN ACT TO FAIRLY APPORTION THE COST OF NEW
2359 WATER UTILITY SERVICES

PL 1985
c. 708

Sponsor: MURPHY, T., Rolde, Maybury, Clark, N.
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1745

SUMMARY: The new draft retains the intent of the original bill to authorize municipal and quasi-municipal water utilities which are experiencing capacity problems or anticipate such problems in the immediate future to finance system expansion by assessing a system development charge on customers who require new connections or who substantially expand their demand for water service. The new draft requires filing the proposal with the Public Utilities Commission 90 days before the effective date of the charge, which will take effect unless disapproved before the effective date. The new draft requires efforts in water conservation before instituting a system development charge in order to meet growing demand in the least costly manner. In cases where the water utility officials are not elected, the new draft requires review by the municipal officers.