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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD
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AN ACT TO ASSURE RESPONSIBILITY IN REGULATORY
DECISION MAKING.

PL 1987
c. 205

Sponsor: RIDLEY, Michaud, Holloway, Jacques
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-141 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original bill required a cost-benefit analysis for all decisions made by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The bill also required the commissioner to mediate disputes between applicants and departmental staff. Finally, the bill authorized the commissioner to use independent experts to resolve "disputed issues".

The committee amendment struck all reference to cost-benefit determinations and to mediation. The committee also deleted language allowing an applicant to appeal staff decisions to the commissioner at any time. Instead the committee choose to allow the commissioner discretion in establishing such internal procedures.

LD
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AN ACT CLARIFYING MUNICIPAL HOME RULE AUTHORITY
AS IT RELATES TO SHORELAND AREAS.

PL 1987
c. 94

Sponsor: HOLLOWAY, Sewall, Mitchell, Small
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-61 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill amended the shoreland zoning ordinance to effectively ratify certain shoreland zoning ordinances which included provisions not expressly authorized by state law at the time of adoption. The intent of the legislation is to emphasize the compatible relationship of the state shoreland zoning law and the home rule authority accorded to municipalities under the state constitution and statute.

The committee amendment added only a technical correction to cover the variety of ways that such a municipal ordinance can be changed.