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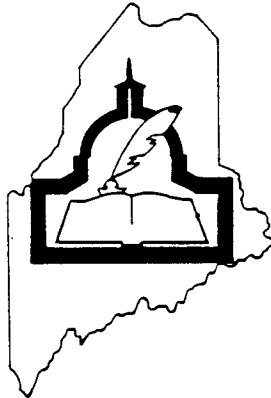
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

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
1202

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS WHO JOIN HEALTH
SPAS

LVWD

Sponsor: RYDELL, Dore, Gurney, Brannigan
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill imposes the following requirements on persons who seek to join a health club.

1. All contracts to be in writing.
2. Right to cancellation within 3 days and a refund upon closing or relocation of the spa.
3. No contract longer than 3 years.
4. An annual registration with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulations including the facilities, types of equipment, size and any litigation against the club. This must be provided to all prospective members.
5. A surety agreement to reimburse prepaid contracts in the event of closing or relocation of the facility.

LD
1224

AN ACT TO BAN THE USE OF PLASTIC CONNECTORS FOR
CONTAINERS

PL 1987
c. 373

Sponsor: MITCHELL, Stevens, P., Coles, Jacques
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
H-261 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: There is currently a state law which forbids the sale of beverage containers which are held together by a multi-pac device made of plastic or any other non-biodegradable material. Although the wording is ambiguous it has been held that the term non-biodegradable refers to plastic as well as other materials.

This bill seeks to broaden the scope of this law to include virtually any type of plastic container regardless of the product that it contains and regardless of its degree of degradability.

Committee Amendment A: This amendment allows the use of plastic connecting devices if the plastic is degradable by any of several means.