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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

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LD AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE SITE LOCATION OF ONTP
1647 DEVELOPMENT LAW IN THE SHORELAND ZONE.

Sponsor: LUDWIG, Brannigan, Murphy T, Michaud
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill addressed the problem of cumulative impacts from small developments in several ways. First, a general recognition and definition of cumulative impact was included in sections on findings and purpose and in the definitions. Secondly, in an effort to ensure appropriate development in the shoreland zone, three types of shoreland zone development were to be brought under site location review. Multiunit housing of ten or more units, subdivisions, and developments currently exempted from subdivision review because their lots are more than 40 acres in size would be reviewed if all or part of the development was in the shoreland zone. Further, no project reviewed under site location would be allowed to unreasonably affect customary public access to adjacent waters and developers would be responsible for providing adequate utilities, roadways, and open space without unreasonably adverse effects on existing facilities and open space. In addition, acceptable multiunit housing and subdivisions in the shoreland zone would have been required to meet other standards that included no unreasonable erosion; harm to plant, aquatic or wildlife habitat; interference with natural flow of waters; lowering of water quality; flooding hazard; or interference with sand dune movement. Other proposed changes would have removed the exemptions for both gravel pits of less than five acres or those pits regulated by DOT and added fractured bedrock aquifers to the definition of significant ground water aquifers.

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