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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 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE FOR
1749 OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SALT STORAGE AREAS

PL 1987
c. 492

Sponsor: MITCHELL
Committee Report: New draft of LD 382
Amendments Adopted:
H-357 MICHAUD

SUMMARY: The original bill established a 10 year compliance schedule for the construction of salt and sand/salt storage facilities.

The new draft delayed the first milestone of the compliance schedule by one year from 1988 to 1989 while leaving the final date of 1996 unchanged. Primary responsibility for reviewing construction plans was shifted from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Transportation. In addition, compliance with the schedule is tied to the availability of state cost-sharing funds. The new draft was amended on the House floor to incorporate schedules based on the priority of the proposed storage facility.

LD AN ACT TO PROTECT THE STATE'S FRESHWATER GREAT
1761 PONDS AND RIVERS.

PL 1987
c. 381

Sponsor: KIMBALL, Michaud, Diamond, Black
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1068

SUMMARY: The original bill required a permit for old, private sewage disposal systems located within 250 feet of a waterway and constructed prior to the modern version of the Maine Plumbing Code. The purchaser of property with such systems is required to apply the permit from the Department of Human Services. The department may grant the permit when several conditions are met.

The new draft places the burden of proof on the seller of property. The seller is required to certify to the purchaser that the system has been inspected by a licensed soil evaluator or local plumbing inspector within the 180 days prior to the sale and that the system is not malfunctioning. In addition, the seller must certify that the disposal system is either a) licensed under the Maine Plumbing Code, b) the disposal system is connected to an approved sanitary (public) sewer or c) replaceable by an approved system to serve the level of use at the time of sale.