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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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

The purpose of the bill is to avoid a dual licensing requirement for aquaculture operations and to allow for efficient processing of lease applications.

The original bill proposed certifying discharges after leases were granted. The new draft proposes certification from DEP prior to the commissioner of Marine Resources granting the lease.

**LD  
1825**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF TRIBUTYLTIN AS AN  
ANTIFOULING AGENT.

PL 1987  
c. 474

Sponsor: COLES, Perkins, Rice, Holt  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1265  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-326 COLES

SUMMARY: The use of organic tin compounds, primarily tributyltin (TBT), has become widespread in many antifouling bottom paints for boats and ships. This material is also used in "trap dip," a preservative for wooden lobster traps.

State lobstermen, the State's congressional delegation, the state toxicologist and the United States Environmental Protection Agency have expressed concern over the human health and environmental hazards that tributyltin and other chemicals used in trap dip may pose.

The original bill called for preliminary recommendations for regulation on the sale and use of tributyltin and trap dip within the State. It also funded a first-cut study, led by the Department of Environmental Protection, to assess the level of use of tributyltin and other materials used in trap dip, current application and disposal methods and potential environmental or health hazards.

The committee, citing the toxicity of the compound and state level action in Virginia, Maryland and Alaska recommended a statewide ban modeled after legislation passed in Virginia.

It instigates a statewide ban of the use of TBT for marine-related uses. Exemptions are allowed for commercial boatyards to apply TBT to vessels over 75 meters in length and to aluminum-hulled boats for which no anti-fouling alternative exists. An exemption also is allowed for the use of TBT on outboard motors.

A House amendment (H-326) was adopted to further limit the restriction on release rates from 5.0 micrograms per square centimeter to 3.0 micrograms per square centimeter to more effectively ban "free association" paints.