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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

**LD** An Act to Provide Additional Resources to the Board of PUBLIC  
**2067** Pesticides Control (Reported Pursuant to Resolves of 1987, 723  
Chapter 50)

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-AM	H-619

SUMMARY

This bill was a result of the Agriculture Committee study of pesticides regulation. The original bill increased the annual pesticide registration fee from \$75 to \$85 annually and eliminated the \$10 fee reduction for pesticide products with less than \$6,000 in annual sales. This change provided \$66,000 in special revenues for 2 newly created positions at the Board of Pesticides Control: a person to direct review of the toxicological effects of pesticides and advise the board, the department and the general public about any risks associated with their use; and a person to prepare newsletters and brochures to inform applicators, dealers and the general public about board activities, pest problems and appropriate control measures. The original bill also appropriated \$60,000 from the general fund to the board to provide a grant to the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine System to create 2 temporary positions for persons to revise old and develop new training materials for certifying private and commercial applicators.

The Committee Amendment (H-619) retained the change in the pesticide registration fee and replaced the \$60,000 appropriation request with funds from a new licensing program for dealers of general use pesticides.

The general use pesticide licensing requirement, which goes into effect January 1, 1989, will add knowledge about pesticide sales in Maine and facilitate notification of dealers in the event of changes in the label requirements or the classification of a pesticide product. Dealers must maintain sales records for 2 years and the board may access records and require additional information or reports. Exempted products include household use pesticide products, general use pesticides with no more than 3% active ingredients that are applied undiluted by homeowners around their dwelling, pet supplies, disinfectants, and swimming pool supplies. Dealers licensed to sell restricted use pesticides are covered by that license.

**LD** An Act to Assist Agricultural Employers in Complying with ND 2545  
**2068** Federal Hazard Communication Rules (Reported Pursuant to  
Resolves of 1987, Chapter 50)

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	OTP-ND	

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2545