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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::

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

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 Lorette 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 Implement the Recommendations of the Study of the
2604 Department of Environmental Protection

PUBLIC
787
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HOLLOWAY LUDWIG USHER	OTP-AM	H-745 S-488 USHER

SUMMARY

This bill implements the recommendations of the independent study of the Department of Environmental Protection. The primary action of the bill is to increase license fees to raise funds necessary for new staff positions. The bill also creates a Bureau of Solid Waste Management and a Bureau of Administration.

The committee amendment retains most of the original bill. The amendment creates lower fees for "affordable housing" subdivisions, sunsets the new fee increases on May 1, 1991, corrects a number of technical errors in the Department's statutes, and slightly broadens the definition of the term, "underground oil storage facility".

A Senate amendment (S-488) defers payment of subdivision license fees until the actual issuance of the license.

LD An Act to Enable the Creation of Watershed Districts
2610

PUBLIC
711

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY TRACY JACQUES LACROIX		

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2273

This new draft establishes enabling provisions to allow the formation of lake watershed districts. Municipalities are authorized to form regional districts through a process overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection. The general purpose of the watershed district is to initiate and coordinate local and regional efforts to maintain and improve water quality. Establishment of this process in statute removes the need for such organizations to come to the Legislature for individual authorization.