

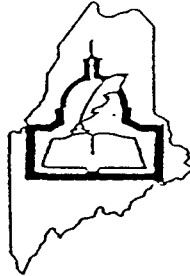
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ON  
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JULY 1989

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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-ND-NT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill was replaced by LD 1763 (new draft) creating another study.

This bill originally created legislation which would have prohibited boat owners from abandoning their vessels in the coastal waters of the State. Beginning July 1, 1991, it would have made the Commissioner of Conservation the responsible person for assuring that vessels that are abandoned are removed, either by calling them to the attention of the responsible agency, if one exists, or, if one does not, seeing to their removal. Funding was to come from anticipated increases in rents paid by private interests for leasing of submerged lands.

LD 828      **An Act Concerning the Regulatory Authority of the Department  
of Marine Resources**

**PUBLIC 205  
EMERGENCY**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-196

SUMMARY

Current law does not provide clear authority for the Department of Marine Resources to gain control of any marine species or marine species product illegally imported and placed in coastal waters in aquaculture lease sites. Embargo authority for shellfish, for instance, is limited to establishments which cannot be construed to be coastal waters. This law provides specific authority to embargo, condemn or destroy any marine species or marine species product under specified conditions.

Recent experiences both in Canada and the United States indicates that several naturally occurring toxins may be present in coastal waters and thus may need to be monitored. This law broadens the authority of the Department of Marine Resources to establish monitoring programs as needed.

Current law provides authority to close coastal waters to the taking of marine mollusks only in the event that those waters are or may become contaminated or polluted. If contamination may affect other species, no clear authority is provided to prohibit the taking of affected species. This law also provides that authority.