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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-176

SUMMARY

This bill will reduce gasoline vapors emitted into the air in order to reduce ground-level ozone. The measures included in this bill are expected to reduce hydrocarbons emitted in Maine by 11,000 tons per year, a 9% reduction over 1985 emissions. This bill adopts in statute rules the Board of Environmental Protection has promulgated to further reduce volatile organic compounds in Maine. In summary, these measures include:

1. Expanding the requirement for floating roofs and vapor recovery systems for bulk gasoline terminals statewide;
2. Reducing the volatility of gasoline during the summer months;
3. Installing "drop tubes" and vapor balance systems for major gasoline service stations; and
4. Requiring an annual self-certification leak test for gasoline tank trucks.

The committee amendment (H-176) clarifies certain provisions of the bill. It adds a definition of gasoline dispensing facility consistent with the Board of Environmental Protection's regulations. The amendment also removes two provisions of the bill enacting outdated schedules for compliance.

The amendment also clarifies that new requirements for vapor recovery systems are required for underground storage tanks scheduled for removal if they are replaced with new tanks.

A provision is added to require the Department of Environmental Protection to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the availability of 9.0 RVP fuel during the summer and any driveability problems experienced by vehicles as a result of this fuel.

The amendment also clarifies language relating to gas stations and bulk gasoline terminals that are subject to these gasoline disposal, storage and handling provisions.

**LD 1017 An Act to Exclude Certain Home Owners from Amendments to the Overboard Discharge Laws**

**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the "Overboard Discharge" law (PL 1987, c.180) to change the relicensing standards. Under the proposed new standard, the Department of Environmental Protection would have denied relicensing applications only when it could demonstrate a violation of the license. (See also LD 1187).