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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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-502

SUMMARY

This bill amends the "Overboard Discharge" law (PL 1987, c.180). The existing prohibition on new overboard discharges is maintained. The existing criteria for relicensing are replaced with a single requirement that a license be reissued if there are no "technologically proven" alternatives which would result in an elimination of the overboard discharge. Holding tanks may be considered technologically proven for seasonal residences on the mainland and on islands connected to the mainland by a bridge or scheduled car ferry service. Holding tanks may not be required as a replacement for an overboard discharge at any other facility.

The bill also provides for a cost-sharing program to support any required replacement projects. The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to grant conditional permits to any license holder who has been required to replace an overboard discharge. The term of the conditional license extends until 6 months after the offer of a grant of state financial assistance. Separate legislation (LD ...) provides for a bond issue which includes \$1 million to fund this program.

This bill also eliminates provisions which allowed for the expansion of existing commercial, state or federal overboard discharges.

The Department of Environmental protection, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Human Services are directed to jointly provide accurate information on the licensing requirements and the new grants program and to jointly certify replacement technologies. The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to encourage the development of group systems to replace overboard discharges.

Finally, the Department of Environmental Protection is directed to study various ways to continue replacing existing overboard discharges and to report to the committee by January 1, 1990.

LD 1191 An Act to Amend the Pollution Abatement Grants Program

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have made persons denied a license renewal for an overboard discharge eligible for a state grant under the pollution abatement construction grants program. The committee incorporated this concept in LD 1187.