

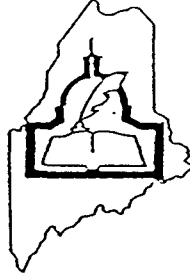
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill sought to prohibit the distinction between resident and nonresident shellfish licenses and would have limited the fee for those licenses to \$10. The Department of Marine Resources would have been required to reimburse municipalities for the revenue foregone as a result of the reduction in fees. Licenses would have had to be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

LD 1565 An Act to Improve the Sardine Inspection and Grading Programs

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-297

SUMMARY

Currently, the sardine industry pays for its own inspection costs and is stringently monitored by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The sardine industry pays an inspection tax of between 8¢ and 20¢ per case of sardines and 5¢ to 13¢ per case of kippers and steaks to fund this program. The industry is also subject to a sardine excise tax of 30¢ per case to fund the activities of the Maine Sardine Council. While the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources operates the sardine quality program today, the program is funded by these 2 industry-generated revenue sources. This bill proposed to change the sardine inspection and grading programs in 3 basic ways.

1. The cost of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources sardine inspection program would have been paid for entirely from General Fund revenues.
2. The Maine Sardine Council would have taken over from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources the grading program for sardines, steaks and kippers. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources would have retained its authority to embargo goods in support of the grading program.
3. The sardine excise tax would have increased by 5¢ per case to a total of 35¢ per case to fund personnel within the Maine Sardine Council to implement the grading program.