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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

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-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-300
S-196 WEBSTER C

SUMMARY

The law requiring training and certification of people engaged in asbestos abatement activities currently exempts those employees working on asbestos abatement activities in buildings owned or leased by their employers. Current law does not address the number of hours of training required for asbestos abatement workers. This bill provides that 32 hours of training are required for all employees performing asbestos abatement work.

The committee amendment (H-300) removes an exemption for persons removing small amounts of asbestos without being certified for removal. It also requires that asbestos removal in private homes and small apartment houses to be done by a certified remover. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

A Senate amendment (S-196) amends the definition of asbestos abatement activity to mean handling asbestos-containing materials in an amount greater than 3 square feet or 3 linear feet. The amendment also allows persons licensed to install, repair, remove or service heating systems to perform asbestos abatement activities in single-unit residential buildings if limited to heating systems.

LD 1647 An Act to Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Law

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-267

SUMMARY

This bill adds a number of technical corrections to the laws relating to shoreland zoning.

The bill adds soils and hydrology to the definition of "freshwater wetland" to be used where vegetation is either absent or insufficient for establishing a wetland boundary. Language has also been added in this revised version of the bill to make the definition consistent with changes made in the amended version of LD 1125.

The bill also removes an exemption for privately owned bodies of water which are held primarily as waterfowl and fish breeding areas or for hunting and fishing.

The bill deletes references to local comprehensive planning. With the enactment of the Growth Management Law in the Second Session of the 113th Legislature, a separate timetable has been set up for municipalities to follow in developing their comprehensive plans.

New provisions are added to allow the Board of Environmental Protection to approve with conditions, or partially approve a shoreland zoning ordinance. Currently, if the municipality's ordinance is approvable except for one provision, the Board must deny the ordinance and the municipality must come back to the Board again to request approval. This section also extends the time period for review and approved of ordinances by the Board of Environmental Protection.