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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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SPONSOR(S)STEVENS A  
WEYMOUTH  
REED  
AIKMANCOMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill would have directed the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt standards governing the impact of wastewater discharges on surface water color by March 31, 1990. The bill also directed the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to undertake a study of the color issue together with recommendations for color standards on a river-by-river and discharge-by-discharge basis. The commissioner was directed to obtain an independent review of the study and submit it with recommendations to the committee by February 1, 1990. The committee voted not to pass the bill. (See also LD 718).

**LD 1716** An Act Relating to Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Railroad

PUBLIC 419

SPONSOR(S)MICHAUD  
DEXTERCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-580

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-580), provides for 2 methods of fee payment for transportation of hazardous materials by rail; a quarterly payment system or a single annual \$25,000 payment. This allows railroads which carry small amounts of hazardous materials to make lower payments based on the actual amount of hazardous materials transported. The current monthly payment provision is changed to quarterly payments. This amendment also requires registrants whose quarterly payment is 60 days overdue to pay the \$25,000 annual registration fee.

An exception is provided from the definition of hazardous materials for oil, since fees for the transportation of oil are already assessed.