

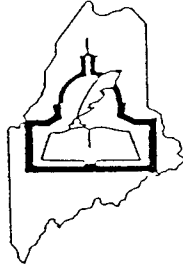
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
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ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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**LD 2271 An Act to Create Low-interest Loans for Businesses to
Purchase Furnaces or Boilers That Burn Waste Motor Oil**

PUBLIC 774

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ANDERSON	OTP-AM	H-869
MAYO		
COLLINS		
MICHAUD		

SUMMARY

This bill creates a low-interest loan program for businesses in the State wishing to purchase boilers or furnaces that burn waste oil. The interest subsidy required by the program is paid by the Finance Authority of Maine, or FAME, using a fund established in this bill. The fund will be managed by FAME; however, loans would originate and be administered at the local level by approved lenders. The bill uses \$100,000 of unobligated and unexpended stripper well oil overcharge funds to capitalize the Waste Oil Furnace Loan Fund.

Loans made under this program are limited to the cost of the furnace or boiler up to a maximum of \$5,000 per unit. The term of the loan may be up to 5 years. Lenders receive a one-time subsidy from FAME equal to their portion of the interest due over the term of each loan made under this program. Borrowers are required to repay the principal plus 3% interest.

The committee amendment (H-869) adds a requirement to the Waste Oil Furnace Loan Program that all businesses receiving loans for boilers either burn their own waste oil or better quality waste oil. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 2276 An Act to Amend the Natural Resources Protection Act

**PUBLIC 814
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-987 MICHAUD
JACQUES		S-594
MILLS		
STROUT D		

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (S-594), allows the Department of Transportation to undertake reconstruction and replacement projects or maintenance and repair projects without individual permits under the natural resources protection laws, except in coastal wetlands and coastal sand dune systems.

The amendment allows this exemption for the next construction season, subject to specific requirements and a memorandum of understanding between departments. The Board of Environmental Protection is required to adopt rules by February, 1991, to define standards under which the Department of Transportation shall operate. Money is allocated from the Highway Fund to pay for this rulemaking.

A House amendment (H-987) changes a term enacted in the committee amendment. The term "reconstruction and replacement project" is used throughout the rules of the Department of Environmental Protection and the amendment changes the term enacted in the committee amendment to clarify that it is different from that in the rules.