

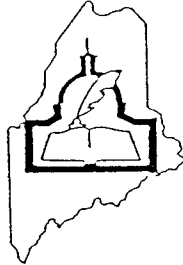
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**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**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	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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ROLDE**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**H-1056  
S-679 CLARK N**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the State's oil spill legislation by:

1. Raising the oil transfer fee for persons licensed under this law from 3¢ per barrel to 4¢ per barrel for a period of 6 months. This temporary increase will fund the purchase of several new booms without seriously depleting the Maine Coastal and Inland Oil Surface Clean-up Fund;
2. Requiring the person responsible for an oil spill to reimburse the Department of Environmental Protection for the clean-up costs incurred by the department, in addition to the current responsibility to report and remove the discharge, in order to avoid being subject to any fines or civil penalties;
3. Providing a penalty for failure to reimburse the Department of Environmental Protection for clean-up costs in connection with an oil spill; and
4. Requiring the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the current status of oil spill plans by January 15, 1991.

The committee amendment (H-1056) clarifies language in the original bill and adds a requirement for periodic drills at coastal terminals to determine the adequacy of response plans. It also shifts responsibility for plan review from the Board of Environmental Protection to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

The amendment also changes the time period for required reimbursement of the Department of Environmental Protection's clean-up activities from 60 days to 30 days to be consistent with other reimbursement provisions of the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund. In addition, the Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to use fund money to contract for the collection of overdue reimbursements.

The reporting requirements for the Commissioner of Environmental Protection are expanded to include a report of any equipment purchased through the temporary fee increase proposed in this amendment.

The Commission to Study Maine's Oil Spill Clean-up Preparedness is established in this amendment to review and make recommendations on Maine's ability to clean up a major oil spill. This study is funded by an allocation from the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund. The Senate amendment (S-679) includes the legislative members of the Commission in the provisions for compensation.