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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  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
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

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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD	OTP-AM MAJ	H-1069 MAJ REP
KANY	OTP-AM MIN	
DEXTER		
HOGLUND		

**SUMMARY**

This bill, as amended by the majority committee report (H-1069), makes a variety of largely technical changes to the comprehensive solid waste legislation enacted in 1989 (P.L. 1989, c.585). The major portions are described below.

The original bill proposed changes in the advance disposal fees on white and brown goods, auto batteries and tires. The bill also proposed changes in the solid waste recycling tax credits enacted in 1989. These proposals were ultimately removed from this bill and incorporated in legislation reported out by the Taxation Committee (See LD 2494).

The amended bill revises the fee schedule for disposal of special and municipal solid waste to lower fees for wastes delivered to public disposal facilities and to eliminate any fee for the disposal of municipal solid waste at a publicly owned landfill. Any prior overcollection will be credited or refunded. A higher fee is imposed on the disposal of oily debris to encourage recycling of this material. An existing exemption from air quality licensing requirements related to the use of oily debris in asphalt plants is tightened.

The amended bill changes the responsibilities for the initiation of beverage container deposits on those beverages that are sold through nonexclusive distributorships. Other amendments to the beverage container law are included to make related provisions of the beverage container law consistent with the change in initiation responsibility. The effective date of the expansion of the Bottle Bill to nonalcoholic beverages is delayed until December 31, 1990.

Expansions of existing, licensed public disposal facilities are exempted from the need to meet siting criteria established by the Maine Waste Management Agency. Such expansion remains subject to the requirement to demonstrate consistency with the capacity needs identified by the agency.

The amended bill extends the current prohibition on the licensing of new commercial solid waste disposal facilities to include new commercial biomedical waste disposal facilities. The amended bill also clarifies the jurisdiction of the Maine Waste Management Agency over hazardous and biomedical wastes redefining the term, "solid waste", to exclude hazardous and biomedical waste. A separate definition of biomedical waste is included. The minority committee amendment (H-1070) did not include these changes.

**LD 2358**      **An Act to Amend the Laws Administered by the Maine Land Use  
Regulation Commission**

PUBLIC 810

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-990
ANDERSON		
COLES		

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the hearing and other procedural requirements followed by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission when it amends district boundaries and standards. Because changes in districts, zoning changes, and resulting zoning maps are considered rulemaking, some of the 1989 changes to the