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One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature Second Regular Session

> 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-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

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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Administrative Procedures Act are not relevant to LURC zoning requirements. The bill amends the provisions of the Commission's statute relating to zoning to streamline the administration of the 25 to 30 zoning petitions received by the Commission each year.

The bill also modifies the current provision that specifies a 60-day deadline for processing subdivision applications. The 60-day deadline is retained while clarifying that the deadline applies to applications completed and ready for processing and applications for subdivisions where the proposal is located in a zone in which subdivisions are a permitted use. Most proposals for subdivisions currently require an area to be rezoned as a development district and a subdivision cannot be approved until that zone change has been approved. This provision allows the Commission to handle the zoning petitions and subdivisions in a coordinated manner, without having to decide a subdivision application prematurely to meet the statutory deadline.

The committee amendment (H-990) incorporates changes to the section of law amended in this bill made this session in other legislation (PL 1989, ch. 624).

LD 2360

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Environmental

ONTP

Protection Fund

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PERKINS

LUDWIG

SUMMARY

This bill would have established new fees and increased some existing license and certification fees of the Department of Environmental Protection. (See also LD 2432)

LD 2364

An Act to Establish Fees for Nonferrous Mining

LV/WD

ONTP

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

ANDERSON LUDWIG DEXTER

SUMMARY

The bill would have established a maximum processing fee of \$90,000 for nonferrous metal mining applications and a maximum annual licensing fee of \$10,000. It also would have required the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate rules for mining by November 1, 1989. (See LD 2416)

LD 2368

An Act to Reduce Toxics in Packaging

PUBLIC 849

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CURRAN

OTP-AM

H-1020

KANY GARLAND

HUTCHINS

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-1020), provides for the reduction of lead, mercury, cadmium and hexavalent chromium in packaging or packaging materials used or sold within the State. Manufacturers and suppliers of packaging or packaging materials are required to reduce the sum of the concentration levels