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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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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have created a new state policy, goals and a program to ensure that the generation of hazardous waste was minimized as expeditiously as possible. The bill would have provided the Department of Environmental Protection with the authority to create a hazardous waste minimization program:

- 1. To register generators with the department; and
- 2. To require and oversee hazardous waste reduction.

(See LD 2192, 2316 and 2507)

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-708 DUTREMBLE D

**SUMMARY**

This bill, as amended in the Senate, (S-708) establishes a program to reduce toxics use, toxics release and hazardous waste generation. The amendment establishes a hierarchy of techniques and goals to reduce the use and release of toxic substances as well as the generation of hazardous waste. Facilities are required to develop plans to meet these goals. The amendment applies to those facilities that use extremely hazardous substances, release more than 10,000 pounds of toxic substances to the environment annually and are in specific manufacturing sectors or generate more than 100 kilograms of hazardous waste for 3 or more months per year.

If a facility does not meet the goals set for toxics release or hazardous waste reduction by 1993, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection may require a facility to submit a summary of its reduction plan within one year. Plans remain confidential and only summaries are submitted to the commissioner. A number of exemptions are established in recognition that some facilities may not be able to reduce or may have already instituted the maximum reductions currently available.

If a hazardous waste generator does not comply with requirements under this program, the commissioner may assess higher fees for disposal of hazardous waste.

The Toxics Use, Toxics Release and Hazardous Waste Reduction Program is established under the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to collect data, exchange information and provide technical services. A Toxics Reduction Advisory Committee is established to advise the Department of Environmental Protection on the implementation of this program.

This program is funded through fees assessed on hazardous waste generators, toxics users and toxics releasers.

This bill differs from LD 2192, vetoed by the Governor in that: