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

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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

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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 2505 An Act Reducing the Use of Toxic Substances in the Workplace
by Minimizing the Generation of Hazardous Waste

INDEF PP

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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)

LD 2507 An Act to Clean the Environment by the Reduction of Toxics
Use, Waste and Release

PUBLIC 929

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DUTREMBLE D
LUTHER
KANY
MICHAUD

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:

1. The base year calculation for toxic use reduction is modified to enable more time for businesses to evaluate their toxic releases;
2. A new exemption is added for specific toxics when practical detection means don't exist;
3. A petition process is added to allow the commissioner to remove substances from reduction requirements when there is no "unreasonable threat to occupational health, public health or the environment";
4. An annual report is required by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to the Legislature on all exemptions granted; and
5. Previous exemptions are refined to clarify the intent.

**LD 2511 An Act Regarding the Maine Environmental Protection Fund Air
Emission Fee Schedule**

**DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)
DEXTER

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill, which was not referred to committee, would have enacted provisions tying the cost of an air emission license directly to the volume of emissions. See L.D.s 2360, 2432, 2445 and 2493.