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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	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

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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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.