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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**An Act to Establish Standards of Financial Need for Grants under the Small Community Grants Program**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ANDERSON	OTP-AM	H-61
PRAY		H-87 JACQUES
GOULD R A		
JACQUES		

**SUMMARY**

Under current law, applicants for state grants for certain pollution abatement construction programs must include a signed statement of financial condition describing the need for the grant. This bill changes that provision to limit eligibility for grants for certain projects to owners whose adjusted gross income does not exceed \$30,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-61) changed the emergency preamble to reflect the fact that the Department of Environmental Protection has adopted rules contrary to the Legislature's intent with regards to income eligibility for pollution abatement grants. The amendment also clarifies the language in the original bill by specifying that the \$30,000 limitation on eligibility applies to the total federal adjusted gross income of all persons listed as owners of the single-family dwelling, and to total gross profits earned during the previous taxable year for commercial establishments. The amendment also requires that any person convicted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 349 of knowingly providing false information to the department in the application for a pollution abatement grant provide restitution to the department for the amount of the grant, plus interest and recovery costs.

House Amendment "A" (H-87) reduced the proportion that the State may pay to remedy wastewater disposal problems associated with seasonal dwellings from 50% to 25%.

**An Act to Establish Wastewater Management Districts**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HOLT	ONTP	
CLARK N		
COLES		
RYDELL		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have enabled municipalities or parts of municipalities to establish wastewater management districts. The districts would have been empowered to regulate wastewater disposal units through maintenance and inspection programs. Districts may have also established education programs to inform property owners of proper maintenance for wastewater disposal units. A municipality is currently empowered to undertake this effort.