

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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.

**LD 958****An Act to Set a Moratorium on Issuing Permits for Septic Tanks****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)  
BERUBECOMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have imposed a moratorium on municipal permitting of subsurface wastewater disposal systems for municipalities that, as of August 31, 1992, do not provide for the disposal of its septic and cesspool refuse, effluent, sludge. The bill also proposed to require that a municipality's disposal capacity be adequate to handle its share of septage and to add holding tanks to the list of septage disposal systems for which municipalities are responsible.

**LD 971****An Act to Promote the Availability of Nutritionally Fortified Infant Fruit Juices****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)  
GREENLAWCOMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have exempted vitamin-fortified infant fruit juice containers from the beverage container deposit system.

**LD 977****An Act to Reimburse Towns for Landfill Closings****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)  
STEVENSON  
MATTHEWSCOMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed the Department of Environmental Protection to reimburse municipalities for closure costs for landfills that they have used but do not own.

**LD 990****Resolve, to Establish the State Comprehensive Energy Plan Commission****LV/MD**SPONSOR(S)  
MORRISON  
VOSE  
CLARK HCOMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This resolve proposed to establish a State Comprehensive Energy Plan Commission to study options for meeting the State's energy needs and to prepare a comprehensive energy plan for the State.