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**BILL SUMMARIES
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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:

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-434

SUMMARY

The original bill would have prohibited the Board of Environmental Protection from requiring municipalities to adopt certain restrictive provisions concerning nonconforming lots, nonconforming uses and zoning variances. Each local government would have been able to determine whether such measures were appropriate to the shoreland areas under its jurisdiction.

The committee amendment (H-434) retains the limitations on the Board's authority to require municipal review of a change from seasonal to year-round operation or changes of hours or days of operation by a nonconforming use under their shoreland zoning ordinances. The limitation on the Board's authority to restrict the availability of variances is also removed. In addition, the bill is amended to allow nonconforming lots of record in single or joint ownership on the effective date of this act to be considered as separate lots if they meet certain criteria.

**LD 1026 An Act to Alter the Mandate of the Maine Low-level
Radioactive Waste Authority to Include Reduction of Low-
level Radioactive Waste**

PUBLIC 122

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-128

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to establish a plan to reduce the curie content and the volume of low-level radioactive waste in this State.

Committee amendment "A" (H-128) replaced the bill. The amendment requires the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to investigate options for reducing the volume and curie content of low-level radioactive waste and permits the authority to make recommendations to low-level radioactive waste generators regarding options that are economically and technologically feasible and that are permitted by federal and state law.

LD 1033 An Act to Improve the Bottle Recycling Laws

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the law concerning returnable containers to include containers regardless of size.