

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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**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 1047**

**An Act to Amend and Add to Certain Provisions of Geographic-based Information Services**

**PUBLIC 309**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FOSS  
BAILEY R  
MICHAUD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-191 CLARK N

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes formal GIS data management responsibilities in the Office of Geographic Information Systems within the Department of Conservation.

The bill shifts responsibilities from the Department of Conservation to the Information Services Policy Board. The Information Services Policy Board is authorized by law to establish fees and standards for agency information systems.

The Senate amendment (S-191) requires that the Office of Geographic Information Systems consider legislative requests as high priority. Charges may not be levied against the Legislature or any office of the Legislature for responses to legislative requests.

**LD 1051**

**An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Perform a Cost and Benefit Analysis of Permit Applications**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LORD  
ANDERSON  
GOULD R A

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to consider economic factors in environmental permitting decisions.

**LD 1063**

**An Act to Broaden the Availability of Loans under the Finance Authority of Maine to Improve the Environment**

**PUBLIC 439  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MILLS  
TITCOMB  
HOGLUND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-218  
S-260 PEARSON

**SUMMARY**

This bill broadens the loan authority of the Finance Authority of Maine under their underground oil storage tank replacement loan program to include systems installed to improve air quality. The installation of this equipment is required by state law.

The committee amendment (S-218) amends the bill to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and change a cross-reference. In addition, the amendment raises the interest rate the Finance Authority of Maine can charge and places a limit on the amount the authority can loan to one borrower from \$5 million to \$10 million. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-260) makes a technical correction to the fiscal note.