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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:

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>

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.

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establishing effective allowable rates that will apply after July 1, 2011. The bill also would have required the Executive Director of the Maine Waste Management Agency to determine the recycling rates of packaging materials, to conduct market surveys and market analyses to determine compliance, and to adopt rules implementing the provisions of this bill. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources would have been required to enforce the provisions of the bill.

The bill also proposed to prohibit the distribution of nonreusable utensils in restaurants for use with food or beverages consumed on the premises.

LD 1372 **An Act to Establish the Environmental Appeals Board and to Amend Licensing and Permitting Procedures within the Department of Environmental Protection**

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GWADOSKY CAHILL P PRAY WHITCOMB		

SUMMARY

This bill would change the structure of the Department of Environmental Protection in several important ways. It would establish the Environmental Appeals Board to hear all appeals of departmental licensing and permitting decisions as well as enforcement proceedings.

The Board of Environmental Protection's role would be modified to consist of rulemaking, development of comprehensive environmental strategies and goals, and definition of certain policies.

The duties of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection would be expanded to include: deciding all licenses and permits; revoking, modifying and suspending permits; reviewing licensing categories to recommend additional permit by rule categories; and resolving disputes between staff and applicants.

In addition, this bill would change procedures for rulemaking and application processing. These changes include:

1. Increasing economic impact information requirements for departmental rulemaking;
2. Specifying appeals procedures with time limitations;
3. Imposing time limits for application processing;
4. Specifying the information that is required early in the application process to process an accepted application;
5. Imposing additional requirements on parties who are suggesting alternative proposals; and
6. Defining explicit intervenor procedures and requirements.