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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

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

An Act to Establish a Public Solid Waste Facilities Loan and Grant Program**CARRIED OVER****SPONSOR(S)**FOSTER
LUDWIG
JACQUES
MICHAUD**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**S-277
S-303 BUSTIN**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish a grant and loan program to assist municipalities and associations of municipalities such as refuse disposal districts and interlocal agreements among municipalities in development and construction of solid waste disposal facilities. The program would provide cost sharing, up to 75% state contribution, of new solid waste disposal capacity. The Maine Waste Management Agency would develop a priority system for awarding grants and loans. The Maine Municipal Bond Bank would administer the loan element of the program through a revolving loan fund.

Funding is included in a companion bill (LD 1973), a bond issue request of \$10,000,000 to support recycling grant assistance and to capitalize the grant and loan program for disposal facilities.

Committee amendment "A" (S-277) adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate amendment "A" (S-303) was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in Second Reading to make a technical correction. This amendment adds a necessary conjunction to a provision of law.

LD 1691**An Act to Assist Municipalities to Design Growth Management Strategies That Are Compatible with Rural Landscapes****PUBLIC 562****SPONSOR(S)**BRANNIGAN
JACQUES**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-219

SUMMARY

This bill allows the University of Maine System's New England Studies Program to work, on a contractual basis through the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning, with rural municipalities and their advising agencies in analyzing proposed zoning standards to make sure they design the rural landscape in ways that are intended and compatible with the community's rural character. A committee amendment (S-219) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1712**An Act to Clarify Provisions of and Provide Funding for Toxics Use, Toxics Release and Hazardous Waste Reduction Programs****PUBLIC 520****SPONSOR(S)**LORD
MICHAUD
KANY
JACQUES**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDH-580
S-322 MATTHEWS**SUMMARY**

The original bill amends the policy statement to include a statement on cross-media pollution prevention, ensures consistent use of terminology for toxics and toxics reduction techniques and eliminates "safe disposal" as a hazardous waste reduction technique. Several definitions are repealed or amended.