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BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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, 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 2301 **An Act Concerning Septage**

PUBLIC 732
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
TRACY
KANY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1051

SUMMARY

The intent of this bill was to give municipalities greater control over the amount of septage to be spread in the municipality and to have control over potential pollution.

Committee amendment "A" (H-1051) replaces the entire bill. This amendment authorizes municipalities to enforce the terms and conditions of septage land disposal or storage site permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. Nothing in this amendment requires municipal enforcement of septage land disposal or storage site permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection and nothing prohibits the department from enforcing the terms and conditions of those permits.

LD 2308 **An Act to Establish the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program**

PUBLIC 818

SPONSOR(S)
MARSH
ADAMS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1154 MAJ REP
H-1249 MITCHELL J

SUMMARY

The federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Public Law 101-549, require enhanced motor vehicle emissions inspection programs in all metropolitan statistical areas that have a population of 100,000 or more and are located in an ozone transport region. In addition, Maine must achieve a 15% reduction in volatile organic compounds in all moderate ozone nonattainment areas. This bill establishes the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection but operated by a department-selected contractor. The fees charged for the emissions tests will be placed in a dedicated revenue account and be used to support the cost of the program.

The committee amendment (H-1154) replaces the original bill and makes technical changes to the bill. In addition, the terms "convenient public access" and "low-emission adjustment" are defined.

The amendment requires a biennial inspection of vehicles and allows the Board of Environmental Protection to develop a system to stagger those inspections. The implementation of the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program is delayed by 6 months because of delays in federal rulemaking that affect this program.

The size of vehicles subject to testing is increased to 10,000 pounds. New cars are exempt from testing for approximately 2 years. The Board of Environmental Protection is given authority to develop a monetary limit on repairs required under the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program although these rules must be consistent with federal requirements. The board must also develop performance standards to be used in the contracting process to decide the number, location and size of testing sites.

The amendment allows car dealerships to obtain a fleet emission inspection license to inspect their vehicles. The amendment limits fleet emission inspection stations to issue only certificates of compliance. The cost of a fleet emission inspection license is limited to cover only the cost of administering these licenses by the Department of Environmental Protection.