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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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

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

The municipal reimbursement provisions in the bill are amended to clarify that costs not directly associated with procedures before the Facility Siting Board or the Board of Environmental Protection, including attorney's fees for judicial appeals, are not eligible for reimbursement.

The law governing reimbursement of property owners whose property values are affected by an agency-owned or agency-operated solid waste landfill site is amended to require the agency to adopt rules that establish the reimbursement formula and procedure, that define the impact area and that establish baseline real estate values, time lines and real estate trends.

The retroactivity clause is amended to require the Maine Waste Management Agency to reimburse the 7 municipalities selected by the Facility Siting Board on September 11, 1991 as potential disposal sites for eligible expenses incurred prior to the effective date of this Act.

LD 2312 **An Act Concerning the Use of Alternative Coding Systems for Plastic Containers** PUBLIC 718

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES MARTIN J TITCOMB	OTP-AM	H-1000

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Maine Waste Management Agency to approve alternative label coding systems for certain plastic containers.

The committee amendment (H-1000) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2347 **An Act to Amend the Radioactive Waste Laws** PUBLIC 762

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES LORD MITCHELL J	OTP-AM	H-1090

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the responsibility and liability provisions for low-level radioactive waste. The bill:

1. Establishes a separate self-insurance fund as a trust;
2. Requires the Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to monitor and report on any self-insurance fund that it establishes;
3. Clarifies a liability scheme for damages attributable to low-level radioactive waste and provides a right of contribution for persons that are assessed damages under this scheme that are the result of another person's act or omission. The bill exempts from this liability scheme any damages from low-level radioactive waste that has been shipped to an out-of-state facility; and
4. Allows the Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to assess a supplemental fee on generators and, if necessary, owners of generators to cover their liability.