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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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MAY 1992

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

LD 2407

**An Act to Amend the Date for Compliance with the State's
River Color Standards**

PUBLIC 835

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1162

SUMMARY

In 1990, Maine enacted standards for discharges of color from pulp and paper mills. Current law requires existing mills to meet the standards by July 1, 1993 with a possible extension until July 1, 1995. The federal Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of reviewing and revising its existing discharge limitations guidelines for pulp and paper mills. That agency anticipates proposing draft rules in late 1993 with final promulgation of the revisions in 1995.

This bill, as replaced by committee amendment "A" (H-1162), provides a new compliance schedule for the state color standards. This new schedule keys on a determination to be made by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection by July 1, 1994. By that date, the commissioner must decide whether or not compliance with the proposed federal discharge guidelines would result in compliance with the state color discharge standards. If the commissioner makes an affirmative finding, the compliance schedule is extended until July 1, 1998. If the commissioner makes no determination or makes a negative determination (including a finding that no federal proposal have been made), the compliance schedule is extended until December 1, 1996. The commissioner is also directed to make an interim compliance report to the Legislature by March 31, 1993.

LD 2446

**An Act Regarding Plastic Rings and Other Plastic Holding
Devices**

PUBLIC 833

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill was reported to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by a majority of the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 415, section 4.

This bill extends for 15 months the period of time in which containers connected by plastic rings or plastic holding devices that conform to the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 18, subsection 2 may be sold in the State. The extension is granted to provide manufacturers of plastic holding devices sufficient time to develop a plastic holding device that breaks when the container is removed. Manufacturers and distributors of plastic holding devices are required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by May 1, 1993. The Maine Waste Management Agency is also required to report to that committee by that date on the types of products used to connect products sold in containers. Subsequent to receiving those reports, the committee may report out legislation on the subject of plastic holding devices to the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature if the committee determines that a plastic holding device that breaks upon removal of the container has been developed and can be commercially used in the State by October 1, 1993.