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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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The amendment is permissive and does not require any municipal enforcement of the natural resource protection laws or any additional certification or training of code enforcement officers. The amendment does not limit or affect the ability or the duty of the Department of Environmental Protection to enforce environmental laws.

The amendment also encourages the department and municipalities that choose to exercise local natural resource protection laws enforcement authority to discuss options for resolving violations of those laws in a manner that ensures compliance with laws of the State while promoting cooperation between state and municipal government.

House amendment "A" (H-39) added a fiscal note to the committee amendment.

LD 105 An Act to Extend the Deadline for Municipal Adoption of Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Ordinances ONTP

SPONSOR(S) GRAY	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have extended the deadline for municipal adoption of mandatory shoreland zoning ordinances from July 1, 1992 to July 31, 1995.

LD 149 An Act to Foster Cooperative Legislative Oversight of Natural Resource Agencies ONTP

SPONSOR(S) GOULD R A	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to meet annually with the Departments of Conservation and Environmental Protection to discuss the departments' regulatory agendas, and would have required the commissioners and the chair of LURC to attend any such meeting that was scheduled.

LD 166 An Act to Exempt Public Schools From Air Emission License Fees ONTP

SPONSOR(S) CATHCART	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have exempted public schools from the air emissions license annual fee.

LD 171 An Act to Clarify the Application of Recent Increases in Annual Dam Registration Fees ONTP

SPONSOR(S) GOULD R A	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have clarified that the statutory annual dam registration fee in effect at the time a dam is registered is the annual fee that remains in effect for each year of that 5-year registration period. Under the provisions of this bill, the annual registration fees set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, former section 830, subsection 2, would have remained in effect for the duration of the 5-year registration period for any dam with a registration valid on the effective date of Public Law 1991, chapter 591.

This bill also would have required the Department of Environmental Protection to refund any excess dam registration fees imposed on dam owners since July 17, 1991.

LD 173 An Act Directing the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to Commence a Technical Analysis of the Maine Yankee Site ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MICHAUD ONTP
PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill would have directed the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to suspend its current site selection process and to conduct a detailed technical feasibility analysis of a storage and disposal facility for low-level radioactive waste at the site it has identified in Wiscasset, Maine.

LD 177 An Act to Amend Certain Laws Affecting Waste Discharges by Quasi-municipal Agencies PUBLIC 40

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
DUTREMBLE D OTP-AM S-32
CARON

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the definition of "quasi-municipal" under the overboard discharge laws to allow expansions of existing overboard discharges for universities or colleges providing waste water treatment for its facilities.

Committee amendment "A" (S-32) replaces the bill. This amendment allows the Department of Environmental Protection to issue overboard discharge licenses to colleges, universities or school administrative units seeking to increase the volume or quantity of domestic pollutants discharged from its sewage facility. This amendment applies only to colleges, universities and school administrative units with overboard discharge licenses valid on the effective date of this Act.

LD 184 An Act to Prevent Clear-cutting within One Mile of a Great Pond ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
COFFMAN ONTP