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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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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**LD 254**

**An Act to Clarify Criteria for Allowing Unlicensed  
Municipal Solid Waste Landfills to Accept Waste After  
December 31, 1992**

PUBLIC 191  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DEXTER  
FOSTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-217

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have extended the operating deadline for licensed and unlicensed municipal solid waste landfills from December 31, 1992 to December 31, 1995.

Committee amendment "A" (H-217) changes the title and replaces the bill. The amendment enacts the criteria used by the Department of Environmental Protection during 1993 to assess eligibility for administrative extensions of the December 31, 1992 deadline for municipal operation of unlicensed municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The amendment also clarifies that the Department of Environmental Protection may not require municipalities to enter into solid waste consolidation plans as a condition for obtaining an agreement to operate an unlicensed landfill after December 31, 1992.

The amendment also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to provide each municipality operating a municipal solid waste landfill on January 1, 1993 with a summary of federal regulations applicable to municipal solid waste landfills, including a summary of the operational and, where possible, the economic implications under federal and state rules of operating that landfill after October 8, 1993.

The amendment also voids any provision in any existing agreement between the Department of Environmental Protection and a municipality that has the effect of requiring a municipality to participate in a waste consolidation plan during the term of the agreement.

The amendment also repeals an unallocated section of law requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to report by January 1, 1993 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and natural resource matters on the status of municipal solid waste management and disposal systems on islands that are seeking to continue operating unlicensed municipal solid waste landfills after December 31, 1992.

The amendment also makes the bill retroactive to January 1, 1993.

**LD 256      An Act to Allow the Use of Advanced Lightweight Beverage  
Containers**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JACQUES

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the sale of certain metallized or plastic film beverage containers. The bill also removes from the bottle deposit law plastic film containers that have minimal packaging material when compared to total unit weight. The committee voted to carry over the bill. (See also LD 975)