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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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&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 majority committee amendment (H-503) would have deferred the effective date of the preference for state purchases of chlorine-free paper until July 1, 1998 in order to allow time for the conversion of pulp and paper-making processes and to coordinate with ongoing changes in federal regulatory requirements. The amendment made a number of minor changes to the definitions and a grammatical correction. The amendment also provided a clearer hierarchy of purchase preferences.

LD 1439

An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection Governing Fees, Reconsiderations and Outside Permit Reviews

**PUBLIC 356
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
DEXTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-536

SUMMARY

The bill repeals the statutory provision that repeals the Department of Environmental Protection's authority to enter into agreements with outside review agencies to review applications or portions of applications submitted to the department. Current law repeals this authorization on July 1, 1993.

The bill would have repealed the statutory provision that repealed the existing schedule for licensing and permitting fees authorized under the Maine Environmental Protection Fund. The bill also would have repealed the provision that allows a person to file a request for the Board of Environmental Protection to reconsider a decision.

Committee amendment "A" (H-536) prohibits a person from requesting that the Board of Environmental Protection reconsider a decision if that decision is an appeal or reconsideration of a decision made by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The amendment further limits a person to one request for reconsideration.

The amendment also extends for 2 years the existing permit and licensing fee structure authorized under the Maine Environmental Protection Fund.

LD 1446

An Act to Establish an Ambient Water Toxins Program

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
COLES

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the development and implementation of a comprehensive, ongoing program to monitor the waters of the State for toxic contamination. This bill was introduced in direct response to a legislative initiative in 1992, Public Law 1991, chapter 735. The committee voted to carry over the bill.

LD 1455

An Act Regarding Low-level Radioactive Waste

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority to investigate ways to reduce the generation of low-level radioactive waste by identifying nonradioactive alternatives. It also requires