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BILL SUMMARIES
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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, 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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1072) clarifies the requirements for the design of the annual work program for ambient testing of waterborne toxic substances. Specific elements of the annual work program will require approval by 2/3 of the voting members of the technical advisory group prior to implementation. Elements requiring this approval are the list of the toxic substances to be monitored and the analytical methods to be employed if those methods have not been previously approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The committee amendment also adds a Legislator to the technical advisory group as a nonvoting member and provides for the terms of membership and other procedural aspects of the group. The committee amendment also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1091) makes technical corrections regarding the allocation of funds from the Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund to support the monitoring program.

LD 1455 **An Act Regarding Low-level Radioactive Waste** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TITCOMB	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required 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 would have required the Authority to adopt rules for the packaging of wastes and to oversee the cleanup of areas contaminated by radioactive waste.

LD 1479 **An Act to Identify Laboratories Subject to the Laboratory Certification Program** PUBLIC 537
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DUTREMBLE D CARPENTER	OTP-AM	S-409 S-425 LAWRENCE

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended the laboratory certification program to provide that the mandatory requirements of the laboratory certification program apply only to commercial laboratories that receive annual revenues of more than \$10,000 for the analysis of water, wastewater, soil, air, solid or hazardous waste or radiological samples for use in the programs of the Department of Human Services or the Department of Environmental Protection.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-409) replaces the bill with language allowing wastewater laboratories that are operated by facilities licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection to perform certain tests on wastewater without being certified by the Director of the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory, provided the facility license includes terms and conditions regulating the laboratory. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-425) amends Committee Amendment "A" to remove the requirement that laboratories performing certain tests without certification be subject to laboratory qualifications contained in the waste discharge license issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. This amendment also provides that such laboratories may analyze waste discharges for biochemical oxygen demand and chemical oxygen demand.