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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

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LD 1687

An Act to Correct an Error in the Sand Dune Laws

PUBLIC 521
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
MICHAUD

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-744

SUMMARY

LD 1687 clarified that a permit is required for development proposed on dune areas where private property is subject to flood damage due to rapid shoreline changes. This bill also repeals on February 15, 1995 the subsection exempting alterations in back dunes of coastal sand dune systems from permitting requirements. The bill also proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to develop permit-by-rule performance standards for development on back dunes by December 31, 1994.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-744) clarifies that rules adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection to implement permit-by-rule performance standards for activities in back dunes of coastal sand dune systems take effect on the date the general exemption for those activities is repealed. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1691 An Act to Implement the Technical and Environmental Assistance Program

PUBLIC 500

SPONSOR(S)
MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-734

SUMMARY

LD 1691 clarifies the membership and appointment procedures for members of the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee. The bill also defines a "small business stationary source" and allows the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to reduce any annual air emission license fee to take into account the financial resources of small business stationary sources.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-734) makes technical corrections and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1694 An Act to Establish a Commission to Study the Permitting Requirements Needed to Foster Sustainable Development of the State's Cranberry Industry

P & S 72

SPONSOR(S)
GEAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-789

SUMMARY

This bill would have amended several provisions of the natural resources protection laws that were enacted to create a general permit for certain cranberry cultivation operations.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-789) replaces the bill. It establishes a commission to study cranberry permitting laws in the State and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by March 1, 1995. The commission will coordinate its efforts with existing groups studying cranberry permitting and sustainable agriculture issues.