

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

5581LHS

**An Act to Clarify Protection of Surface Waters in the Licensing of Solid Waste Facilities**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MERES	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-180
TREAT	ONTP	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to reestablish the 300-foot setback for the siting of solid waste disposal facilities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-180) replaces the bill. Instead of requiring solid waste disposal areas to be set back 300 feet from a classified body of surface water, the amendment prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection from licensing a solid waste facility if the facility would cause unreasonable sedimentation or erosion of soil or would otherwise pose an unreasonable threat to the quality of classified surface waters. The amendment also adds surface water protection and erosion and sedimentation control to the list of issues that a municipality may include in its regulation of solid waste facilities.

**LD 588      An Act to Change the Width of the Saco River Corridor and Allow Municipalities to Extend the Corridor Width      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LORD	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have reduced the width of the Saco River Corridor to 150 feet and allowed a municipality the option to extend that part of the corridor within the municipality's boundaries an additional 100 feet.

**LD 602      An Act to Include More Information in the Report of the Board of Environmental Protection to the Legislature      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARSHALL	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Board of Environmental Protection to include in the report that it files with the Legislature the number of rules violation handled, the type of violation, how the issue was resolved and who the violators were.

**LD 606      An Act to Abolish the Process of Permit by Rule by the Board of Environmental Protection      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MARSHALL	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have abolished permits-by-rule.