

# 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.

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The amendment also allows the Department of Environmental Protection additional time to prepare documentation and gather information to prepare requests to redesignate counties currently designated as moderate and marginal nonattainment as attainment or rural transport areas, if those counties are eligible for redesignation. The amendment requires the department to make a progress report on redesignation requests by October 1, 1995 and to submit the petitions to EPA by January 1, 1996.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-351) corrects dates in the emergency preamble.

**LD 639      An Act to Modify the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Requirement for Vehicle Registration      PUBLIC 6  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
CAREY

**SUMMARY**

This bill defers until May 1, 1995 the requirement that a motor vehicle owner present a certificate of compliance or waiver under the motor vehicle emission inspection program in order to register the motor vehicle. The bill was enacted without reference to committee.

**LD 646      An Act to Reinstate the Laws Governing Dam Abandonment      CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
HANLEY

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to reinstate the laws governing the abandonment of dams. During the 1995 interim, at the request of the committee, staff will be undertaking a study of certain issues related to dams.

**LD 651      An Act to Grandfather Certain Dwellings within Mandatory Shoreland Zoning      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
GREENLAW                      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed a person who uses a dwelling within the shoreland zone on a seasonal basis to use that dwelling year-round without obtaining a plumbing permit if the dwelling was legally used as a year-round dwelling prior to 1977, when conversion permits were first required.

**LD 656      An Act to Reduce Paperwork and Promote On-site Elementary Neutralization of Low-hazard Wastes      PUBLIC 241  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
JACQUES                      OTP-AM                      H-277  
LORD

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow companies to treat corrosive liquids that are generated on-site in tanks, containers and other devices without meeting the requirements imposed on hazardous waste. These materials are defined as hazardous waste only because they are corrosive. This bill would have replaced recently adopted requirements with an exemption for corrosive substances identical to that found in current federal regulations.