

# 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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**LD 873**      **An Act to Clarify the Derivation of Metal Limitations  
for Waste Discharge Licenses**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established metal limitations for water discharges based on the dissolved rather than total form of the metal.

**LD 875**      **An Act to Require the Board of Environmental Protection to  
Adopt Rules Relating to the Storage of Wood Wastes**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules relating to the storage of wood wastes, including rules establishing time limits for the uncovered storage of processed wood wastes and rules providing for alternative storage methods in the event of a temporary shutdown of a biomass generator.

**LD 909**      **An Act to Establish Temperature Limits for Certain Existing  
Discharges**      PUBLIC 312  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
CASSIDY                                      OTP-AM                                      S-231

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to exempt discharges licensed prior to January 11, 1989 from the department's rule prohibiting discharges that raise the water temperature of the receiving waters more than a specified amount and would have substituted a limit based on a licensee's historical level of heated discharge.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-231) replaces the bill. It establishes interim temperature discharge limits, based on a licensee's historical discharge of heat, for certain facilities that are not able to meet standards in the current Department of Environmental Protection rule after application of best practicable treatment. The amendment also requires the department to develop facility-specific solutions to bring the facilities into compliance with the rule and requires that the solution be implemented no later than January 1, 1999.

**LD 921**      **An Act Allowing Homeowners to Maintain Underground Oil  
Tanks**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have exempted homeowners' underground oil storage tanks with a capacity not exceeding 1,000 gallons from the nonconforming underground oil storage tank removal deadlines.