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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH 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:

CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
FAILED ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<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 1002

An Act to Establish a Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Program

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

CLARK
FERGUSON

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have directed the Department of Environmental Protection to establish an operating air emission permit program consistent with, and not more stringent than, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's requirements for such a program, and would have provided that sources in Maine subject to the new permit program would no longer be required to obtain air licenses under Maine's existing air emission licensing program. The bill would have also directed the department to incorporate the Clean Air Act requirements for the control of hazardous air pollutants in the licensing process.

LD 1014 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to Propose a Plan to Reorganize the Department of Environmental Protection

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)

GOULD

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve proposes to require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to prepare a proposal to restructure the department along functional lines, resulting in a technical services division, a licensing division and an enforcement division.

LD 1040 An Act to Amend the Toxics in Packaging Law

PUBLIC 184

SPONSOR(S)

GOULD

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-234

SUMMARY

This bill amends the toxic in packaging law consistent with revisions endorsed by the Coalition of Northeastern Governors' Source Reduction Task Force. It defines "intentional introduction" and "incidental presence" of regulated metals in packaging, specifies conditions under which certain packaging materials may be reused, and clarifies regulation of tin-plated steel and certain other coated steels.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-234) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1042 An Act to Amend the Surface Water Ambient Toxics Monitoring Program

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)

ETNIER

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

In 1992, the Legislature directed the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to assess past and current data on toxic pollutants in the ambient environment of all surface waters of the State, and to recommend the necessary steps to implement an ambient water toxics monitoring program if this assessment indicated that such a program was warranted. The commissioner and the commissioner's advisory committee, by a