

# 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:

<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</b>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>FAILED ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<b>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-250) strikes and replaces the bill. This amendment:

1. Continues the dioxin monitoring program through 1997;
2. Requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to submit the monitoring plan, including the list of facilities to be monitored, to the surface water monitoring technical advisory group for review and advice. The commissioner must notify the owners or operators of selected facilities of their inclusion in the plan at least 30 days prior to the submission of the plan to the advisory group;
3. Preserves that portion of the bill that allows the commissioner to assess the costs of sample collection and analysis against an industrial generator that discharges into a publicly owned treatment works. This amendment clarifies that the assessment may only be on a generator if the generator is known or likely to be discharging dioxin into the treatment facility. The amendment also clarifies that if the assessment is on the generator, nonpayment by the generator does not jeopardize the discharge license of the treatment works; and
4. Adds an allocation section which allocates \$168,000 for the program from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund. This sum represents the projected resources from the assessments made under the program.

**LD 1159**      **An Act to Create a Tire Emergency Readiness Fund**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided that 20% of the recycling assistance fee collected on tires must be paid to the Tire Emergency Readiness Fund to be used by the Commissioner of Public Safety to reimburse municipalities for the approved cost of fighting fires at tire disposal sites.

**LD 1241**      **An Act to Repeal the 100-foot Setback from Landfills  
for Recycling Facilities**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited rules requiring transfer facilities, including recycling facilities, to be located at least 100 feet from the solid waste boundary of an active or closed solid waste disposal facility.

**LD 1243**      **An Act to Reestablish the Great Pond Task Force**      PUBLIC 345

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JACQUES	OTP-AM	H-514

**SUMMARY**

This bill reestablishes the Great Pond Task Force with a repeal date of December 31, 1998.