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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:

<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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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-273

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the ban on plastic 6-pack rings, scheduled to become effective 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. Under the bill, plastic holding devices are required to meet only the minimum degradability standards for plastic ring carriers already required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The bill also repeals a requirement that distributors of plastic ring holders and distributors of products that use plastic ring holders report to the Maine Waste Management Agency the amount of ring holders recycled.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-273), which was the majority report of the committee, amends the title of the bill and the text of the bill to clarify that it applies only to plastic rings.

LD 1336	Resolve, to Direct the Land and Water Resources Council to Develop Alternatives to the Site Location of Development Laws That Protect the Environment and Improve the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the State's Land Use Laws	RESOLVE 21 EMERGENCY
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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD	OTP-AM	H-303

**SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Land and Water Resources Council to review a restructuring of the site location of development law to determine if jurisdiction over all or some of the environmental issues addressed under the site law should be shared with municipalities and to identify other alternatives. A report from the council is due by February 1, 1996.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-303) adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note to the resolve and clarifies that the Land and Water Resources Council is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

LD 1351	An Act to Regulate Automobile Refinishing Operations	ONTP
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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have regulated air pollution from automobile refinishing facilities by requiring: that they be located outside of residential zones and at least 300 feet from any residence; that all coating and refinishing operations take place in a completely enclosed building; and that the Department of Environmental Protection enforce emission standards for volatile organic compounds and any other hazardous air pollutant normally released by automobile refinishing facilities at the lowest achievable emission rates for these pollutants.