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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 1471**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 502: Direct Watersheds of Waterbodies Most at Risk from New Development, and Sensitive or Threatened Regions or Watersheds, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality****RESOLVE 47**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-248
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LD 1471 proposed to authorize adoption of Chapter 502: Direct Watersheds of Waterbodies Most at Risk from New Development, and Sensitive or Threatened Regions or Watersheds, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-248) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 47 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 502: Direct Watersheds of Waterbodies Most at Risk from New Development, and Sensitive or Threatened Regions or Watersheds, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality.

LD 1499 An Act to Prohibit the Use of Harmful Additives in Gasoline ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> VEDRAL	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1499 proposed to require the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to issue an order prohibiting the sale of gasoline with additives that have not been proven to be without long-term or short-term effects on public health.

LD 1503 An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws PUBLIC 485

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHIAH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-609
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LD 1503 proposed to require that a town, before it can qualify to substitute its site law permit for a Department of Environmental Protection permit for subdivision review, have site law ordinances that require those subdivisions to be reviewed for impacts on fisheries and wildlife habitat, unusual natural areas and archaeological and historic sites in or adjacent to the subdivisions.