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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 September 18, 1999.

2. To reclassify Crooked Stream, a tributary of the Machias River, from Class A to Class AA;
3. To reclassify Shorey Brook, a tributary of the Narraguagus River, from Class A to Class AA;
4. To reclassify Salmon Stream, a tributary of the Penobscot River, from Class B to Class A, rather than Class AA as proposed in the bill;
5. To reclassify Buff Brook, a tributary of the Saco River, from Class B to Class A, rather than Class AA as proposed in the bill;
6. To classify 2,000 feet of the St. George River, beginning at the outlet of Little Pond, as Class A. That segment of the river was reclassified from Class C to Class AA in 1990 as a result of a significant procedural error that occurred during the reclassification process in 1989 and 1990;
7. To reclassify the segment of the Salmon Falls River from the Route 9 bridge to tidewater from Class B to Class C;
8. To make the reclassification of a small area of Somes Sound from Class SB to Class SA contingent upon the Commissioner of Environmental Protection certifying that there is a practicable alternative to the two existing licensed overboard discharges to those waters; and
9. To correct a technical error in the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 277 makes changes in the classification of several surface waters of the State based on the State's water quality classification system.

LD 1007

An Act to Repeal the Authorization of Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation to Construct Dams and Fishways

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH RUHLIN	OTP	

LD 1007 proposed to repeal the authority given to the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation to construct, operate and maintain a dam and a fishway at the outlet of Phillips Lake in the town of Dedham.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 3 repeals the authority given to the Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation to construct, operate and maintain a dam and a fishway at the outlet of Phillips Lake in the town of Dedham.

LD 1049

An Act to Repeal the Enhanced Inspection Requirements for Motor Vehicles Registered in Cumberland County

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	ONTP	