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**STATE OF MAINE
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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONT P..... 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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See P.L. 1999, chapter 776.

LD 1209

**An Act Regarding Property Owners Whose Land Abuts a Solid or
Special Waste Landfill**

PUBLIC 691

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRACY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1028
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LD 1209 proposed to provide that persons who owned property abutting a landfill prior to the development of the landfill would be entitled to receive 5% of the tipping fees as compensation for interference with the use and enjoyment of the property. They would also be entitled to have the licensee of the landfill or the State pay for semiannual water testing.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1028) proposed to require that biannual testing of private water supply wells be performed at the written request of a person who owns property abutting a commercial solid waste disposal facility that accepts special waste for landfilling and to require the licensee to pay for the testing. The amendment proposed to require a licensee to provide owners of property abutting the facility with written notice of their right to water quality testing. The amendment proposed to require that the testing be conducted by a certified laboratory selected by the property owner and in a manner specified by and meeting criteria developed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 691 requires that biannual testing of private water supply wells be performed at the written request of a person who owns property abutting a commercial solid waste disposal facility that accepts special waste for landfilling and requires the licensee to pay for the testing. The law requires the testing to be conducted by a certified laboratory selected by the property owner and in a manner specified by and meeting criteria developed by the Department of Environmental Protection. The law also requires a licensee to provide owners of property abutting the facility with written notice of their right to water quality testing.

LD 1311

**An Act to Repeal the Emissions Testing Program in Cumberland
County**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FOSTER HARRIMAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1311 proposed to repeal the enhanced inspection requirements for motor vehicles registered in Cumberland County and instead to require those vehicles to meet the same inspection standards as vehicles registered in other counties in the State.