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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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.

LD 1562

An Act to Establish the Environmental Leadership Program

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1562 proposes to establish the voluntary Environmental Leadership Program under which a person may receive incentives for improving environmental quality if a facility owned by the person meets certain criteria. The incentives would include financial, procedural, license and public recognition incentives. The bill proposes to require the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules necessary to implement the program by July 1, 2000.

The bill also proposes to establish the Environmental Leadership Fund under which a person who owns a facility may receive a loan at below-market rates for pollution prevention, toxic use reduction, resource use reduction, resource recovery, energy efficiency or development of innovative environmental technologies. The fund would be authorized to receive dollars from any public or private source. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 1601

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Economic and Community Development to Devise a Proposal for Long-term Funding of the Removal of Tire Dumps

RESOLVE 48

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SMALL SHIAH	OTP-AM	H-539 MARTIN S-186

LD 1601 proposed to require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to devise a system for entering into long-term contracts with tire abatement and site remediation contractors.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-186) proposed to remove the requirement that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development devise a system for entering into long-term contracts with tire abatement and site remediation contractors and further proposed that the commissioners review alternative funding issues for dealing with waste tires. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" (H-539) proposed to change the reporting date.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 48 requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to devise a system for entering into contracts with tire abatement and site remediation contractors and further requires that the commissioners review alternative funding issues for dealing with waste tires. The Commissioners are to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 14, 2000.