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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

JULY 1999

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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.

The bill proposes to require the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a plan, in consultation with dentists, for reducing mercury pollution from dental procedures. It proposes to require the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt rules to implement mandatory source reduction of mercury from dental procedures. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

LD 2137

An Act to Prohibit Motor Vehicles on Certain Lakes

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GAGNON DAGGETT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2137 proposed to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle on any frozen body of water that is used as a public water supply. The bill proposed to provide for a one-time day pass that may be granted to allow a motor vehicle to be driven on the ice when it is in the best interest of the public.

LD 2151

An Act to Revise the State's Water Quality Standards

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RUHLIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2151 proposed to establish a new water quality standard for mercury based on the federal standard.

LD 2158

An Act to Authorize Matinicus Isle Plantation to Implement a Disposal Fee for Motorized Vehicles

P & S 28

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PINGREE SKOGLUND	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-259
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LD 2158 proposed to authorize Matinicus Isle Plantation to assess a solid waste disposal fee for motorized vehicles on the island, not to exceed \$500 per vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-259) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and expand the definition of motorized vehicles to include motor vehicles, trailers and travel trailers.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 28 authorizes Matinicus Isle Plantation to assess a solid waste disposal fee for motorized vehicles on the island, including trailers and travel trailers, not to exceed \$500 per vehicle.