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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](http://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 2182****An Act to Improve Air Quality through Market Incentives for the Purchase of Cleaner Vehicles****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON PINGREE		

LD 2182 proposes to implement the Cleaner Car Rebates Program to promote the purchase of new and used cleaner cars and trucks by offering a rebate to the purchaser of a cleaner vehicle. Under the bill, market incentives would be used to reduce air pollution and to assist automobile manufacturers and dealers in meeting the requirements of the low-emission vehicle program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 585-D. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 2223****An Act to Encourage Continuous Improvement in Pollution Prevention in Maine****PUBLIC 348**

<u>Reported by</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TREAT	OTP	

LD 2223 proposed to amend the laws relating to toxics use, toxics release and hazardous waste reduction, as further described in the Enacted Law Summary. This bill was reported out of committee pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 806.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 348 amends the laws relating to toxics use, toxics release and hazardous waste reduction in several ways, including revising the toxics use, toxics release and hazardous waste reduction goals by establishing statewide goals of a 40% reduction by January 1, 2002, a 50% reduction by January 1, 2004 and a 60% reduction by January 1, 2006 and by requiring facilities to establish 2-year goals for reducing the amount of extremely hazardous substances used, toxics released and hazardous waste generated; requiring the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to lead the development of a pollution prevention system for state facilities by 2005; clarifying which facilities are required to prepare pollution prevention plans and progress reports and which facilities are exempt from planning, reporting and fee requirements; authorizing the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to require the owner or operator of a facility to submit a plan summary if the facility has not made sufficient progress in reducing toxics use, toxics release or hazardous waste generation as evidenced by the facility's progress report; requiring the commissioner to review a pollution prevention plan in certain situations; requiring the commissioner to organize and store in electronic form the information submitted to the department in progress reports; revising the fees required to be paid to the department by toxics users, toxics releasers and hazardous waste generators; and clarifying the penalties for failure to meet requirements under the toxics use and hazardous waste reduction laws. The law also requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to submit several reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and to establish a biennial performance recognition program for high performers. The law also allocates funds to the department for implementing the additional responsibilities.