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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
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNCAN	OTP-AM	H-791

LD 2325 proposed to provide that a municipal or regional association landfill that accepted 1,900 tons or more of oil-contaminated soil, gravel, brick, concrete and other aggregate in calendar year 1998 shall pay \$5 per ton for that category of waste.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-791) proposed to provide that a municipal or regional association landfill that has accepted 550 tons, rather than 1,900 tons as proposed in the bill, or more of oil-contaminated soil, gravel, brick, concrete and other aggregate in 1998 shall pay \$5 per ton for that category of waste.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 564 provides that a municipal or regional association landfill that accepted 550 tons or more of oil-contaminated soil, gravel, brick, concrete and other aggregate in calendar year 1998 shall pay \$5 per ton for that category of waste.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-1040

LD 2339 proposed to amend the Wells Waste Oil Clean-up Fund to extend funding to the waste oil site in Plymouth.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1040), the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, proposed to replace the bill and

1. to create an interest-free loan program for persons who have obligated themselves to pay for the remedial investigation and feasibility study at the Plymouth waste oil site; and
2. to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-1041), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, proposed to replace the bill and

1. to create a direct payment program for persons who are obligated to pay for the remedial investigation and feasibility study at the Plymouth waste oil site; and
2. to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 713 creates an interest-free loan program for persons who have obligated themselves to pay for the remedial investigation and feasibility study at the Plymouth waste oil site.

Public Law 1999, chapter 713 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2000.

LD 2350

An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Solid Waste Disposal Districts

PUBLIC 557

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD KNEELAND	OTP	

LD 2350 proposed to clarify the management of a refuse disposal district by specifying that directors from the same municipality do not have to vote together but may vote independently of each other.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 557 clarifies current law regarding voting by the board of directors of a refuse disposal district by specifying that directors from the same municipality do not have to vote together but may vote independently of each other.

LD 2375

An Act to Rid Maine's Waters of Ocean Vessel Sewage

PUBLIC 655

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J COWGER	OTP-AM	S-567

LD 2375 proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to review existing availability of pump-out stations, apply for federal grant money and develop a plan to ensure such facilities are adequate to meet the existing needs and develop a program to educate boaters of the importance of using such facilities. The bill also proposed to require the department to apply to the Federal Government for designation of the first 3 coastal miles of the State as a "no discharge" zone pursuant to 33 United States Code and to require that, beginning August 1, 2000, any new construction of or expansion of public or private marinas must include operational pump-out stations and waste reception facilities. The bill also proposed to regulate, beginning July 15, 2005, the discharge of sewage from watercraft operating on coastal waters of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-567) proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to review the availability of pump-out stations at marinas; to develop a plan for the construction, renovation and maintenance of pump-out facilities necessary to meet the needs of watercraft using the coastal waters of the State; to educate vessel owners and operators about the problem of sanitary waste discharges from vessels; and to apply to the United States Environmental Protection Agency by January 15, 2005 for