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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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report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by December 6, 2000 and a final report by December 5, 2001.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-1177) proposed to provide for the replacement of legislative members on the task force and to change the date by which appointments to the task force must be made.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 773 requires advance notification to the Department of the Attorney General when controlling stock or substantial assets are acquired from a business that is primarily engaged in solid waste or residue hauling and that employs more than 5 individuals. The law establishes a repeal date of 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature for the notice requirement.

The law establishes the Task Force to Study Market Power Issues Related to the Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Industry, composed of 5 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, to conduct a study of market power issues in all aspects of the public and private solid waste hauling and disposal industry. The law specifies that the task force shall submit an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by December 6, 2000 and a final report by December 5, 2001.

LD 2470

An Act to Fund the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund

P & S 98

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKEE PINGREE	OTP-AM	H-972 S-755 MICHAUD

LD 2470 proposed to allocate penalties levied by the Department of Environmental Protection for violations of laws related to great ponds to the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-972) proposed to replace the bill and change the title. The amendment proposed to appropriate \$20,000 to the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-755) proposed to clarify that the funds are appropriated on a one-time basis.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 98 makes a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 to the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund.