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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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relocated and a provision making reference to approval by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a precondition for the application of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1493.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 741 changes the definition of low-level radioactive waste so as to exclude material left at the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant site if all the following conditions are met: the site is approved by NRC for release (under federal standards); no radioactive material from off-site is disposed at the site; the site meets a specified residual radiation dose standard; and any construction demolition debris remaining at the site, other than below-grade, intact structures, meets federal standards established for unrestricted use. Below-grade, intact structures remaining on the site are exempted from the definition of “low-level radioactive waste” only if the site meets the other enhanced state standards established by the bill. The effect of this is that the site, if it meets these standards, would not be considered a low-level radioactive waste disposal or storage facility. A low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, under Maine law, must be owned by the state, requires specific approval of the Legislature, must be licensed by the NRC, and needs specific approval in a statewide referendum.

See Public Law 1999, chapter 739.

SP 1090

JOINT ORDER – Relative to the Task Force to Study Growth Management

PASSED

Sponsor(s)
TREAT

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

Joint Order SP 1090 establishes the Task Force to Study Growth Management. The joint order gives the 14 member task force the following responsibilities: to conduct a targeted review of the growth management laws with the goal of improving the laws to make them more responsive to the issues of sprawl, to consider ways to clarify and improve the State’s enabling legislation for impact fees and to establish an advisory working group to review municipal subdivision law and its impact on local planning and growth management. The task force is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and may submit a bill implementing its recommendations for consideration by the 120th Legislature.