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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

May 2002

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1918

An Act to Amend the Integrated Pest Management Laws

PUBLIC 497

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND MCKEE	OTP-AM	S-413

LD 1918 proposed establishing the Integrated Pest Management Council to facilitate, promote, expand and enhance the adoption of integrated pest management in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-413) proposed prohibiting the deposit of General Fund money into the Integrated Pest Management Fund.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 497 establishes the Integrated Pest Management Council to facilitate, promote, expand and enhance the adoption of integrated pest management in the State. It prohibits the deposit of General Fund money into the Integrated Pest Management Fund.

LD 1920

An Act to Address Liquidation Harvesting

PUBLIC 603

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY NASS	OTP-AM	S-488

LD 1920 proposed requiring a landowner harvesting land enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Law to include on the harvest notification form a statement that the harvest is consistent with the forest management and harvest plan. It proposed clarifying that a change of land use indicated on a harvest notification form constitutes a withdrawal from taxation under the Tree Growth Tax Law. It proposed exempting forestland that is certified by a 3rd-party certification organization as being well-managed from the management plan requirements of the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. It proposed requiring a person who buys land taxed under Tree Growth Tax Law to have a forest management and harvest plan prepared before harvesting forest products on that land. It proposed requiring the Maine Forest Service to report back to the Legislature in 2005 on the impacts of this legislation on liquidation harvesting.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-488) proposed to do the following:

1. Require the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry to notify tax assessors of actions requiring changes in status under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.
2. Make it a civil violation to provide inaccurate information on a harvest notification form.
3. Remove provisions in the original bill relating to evidence of 3rd-party certification in place of a management plan.
4. Clarify the duties of a new landowner and allowing a new owner to continue managing in accordance with the previous owner's plan.