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*Bill Summaries*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**May 2002**

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](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:

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 Natural Resources

Public Law 2001, chapter 695 expands the Clean Government Initiative to apply to the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Technical College System. Under current law, the Clean Government Initiative assists state agencies in meeting applicable environmental compliance requirements and incorporating environmentally sustainable practices into state government functions. The law also requires the state-supported institutions of higher learning to utilize existing budgeted resources to meet the requirements of the initiative, except that the University of Maine System is not expected to expend more than \$300,000 of its existing budgeted resources to meet the provisions regarding auditing for compliance with state and federal environmental laws. Additional funds needed to comply with those audit provisions, in excess of the first \$300,000 of existing budgeted resources, must be requested by the Chancellor of the University of Maine System in the biennial report of the directors of the initiative.

**LD 2155**

**An Act Pertaining to Environmental Fines**

**ONTP**

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

LD 2155 proposed to repeal all provisions in Maine law that explicitly required or allowed penalties from various environmental violations to be dedicated to specific funds. Specifically, the bill proposed to:

1. Repeal the provisions that required environmental penalties to be deposited into the Maine Coast Environmental Trust Fund;
2. Repeal the provisions that required air pollution penalties to be deposited into the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund;
3. Repeal the provisions that required penalties from oil discharge violations to be deposited into the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund or the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund and specified that such penalties would go to the General Fund; and
4. Repeal, on July 1, 2003, the provisions that required penalties from hazardous waste violations to be deposited into the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund and specified that such penalties would go to the General Fund.

**LD 2176**

**An Act to Ensure Consistent Regulation of Air Emissions in the State**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAIGLE PENDLETON		ONTP		

LD 2176 proposed to ensure that the State maintained a consistent, coordinated, statewide program for the regulation of air emissions sources. The bill also proposed to provide the Board of Environmental Protection with the authority to establish appropriate license conditions to address unique local conditions identified by municipalities.