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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

LD 406

An Act To Amend the Dates Associated with the State's Recycling and Waste Reduction Goals

PUBLIC 220

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-134
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LD 406 proposed to accomplish the following.

1. Eliminate language that limited the application of contracts for the provision of small containerized solid waste hauling services.
2. Extend the date by which the State's recycling goal of 50% must be met.
3. Establish the State's waste reduction goal of 5% as a biennial rather than an annual reduction and extend the date by which the goal must be met.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-134) proposed to change the title of the bill to more accurately reflect the content of the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 220 accomplishes the following.

1. It eliminates language that limited the application of restrictions on contracts for the provision of small containerized solid waste hauling services.
2. It extends the date by which the State's recycling goal of 50% must be met.
3. It establishes the State's waste reduction goal of 5% as a biennial rather than an annual reduction and extends the date by which the goal must be met.

LD 518

An Act To Regulate Lead-smart Renovators and Lead Sampling Technicians

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUPLESSIE		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 518 proposes to increase the training requirements for lead-smart renovators and lead sampling technicians from 6 hours and 8 hours respectively to 14 hours. The bill also would require that lead-smart renovators be licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill also proposed to require a contractor engaged in any renovation, remodeling, maintenance or repair project involving lead-based paint to obtain an insurance policy or rider that covers damages resulting from any such renovation, remodeling, maintenance or repair project. LD 518 was carried over by H. P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.