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Bill Summaries

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Summary of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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/billsumm.htm).

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
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto)	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

regarding mold in buildings in the State and, by January 1, 2007, to make recommendations to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and health matters. It also authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters to report out legislation.

LD 1975

An Act To Ensure Adequate Funding for Cleanup of Hazardous Waste, Biomedical Waste and Waste Oil

PUBLIC 549

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KOFFMAN	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-843

LD 1975 proposed to increase revenue in the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund by adjusting the fees for the transport and disposal of hazardous waste. The bill proposed to eliminate the disparity between the fee charged for transport of waste within Maine and the fee assessed for waste transported into Maine from another jurisdiction. The bill proposed to authorize the Board of Environmental Protection to assess a fee for registration of biomedical waste generators. The bill proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to prepare a report on the adequacy of the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund and on funding for cleanup of sites contaminated by hazardous waste, biomedical waste and waste oil.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-843), the majority report, proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-844), the minority report, proposed to exempt municipal and school facilities that generate biomedical waste from the registration fee proposed in the bill. Committee Amendment "B" was not adopted.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 549 increases revenue in the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund by adjusting the fees for the transport and disposal of hazardous waste. It eliminates the disparity between the fee charged for transport of waste within Maine and the fee assessed for waste transported into Maine from another jurisdiction. It authorizes the Board of Environmental Protection to assess a fee for registration of biomedical waste generators. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to prepare a report on the adequacy of the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund and on funding for cleanup of sites contaminated by hazardous waste, biomedical waste and waste oil.