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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	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.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Carbon Savings Trust Fund from October 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008 and makes the same date change to the authorization to transfer funds.

This amendment also requires the Office of the Public Advocate, in its study of integrating and combining responsibilities for energy efficiency functions into a single entity, to identify and report on options and the timing of integration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 317 establishes a statewide carbon dioxide cap-and-trade program for fossil fuel fired electrical generating units within the State that have a nameplate capacity equal to or greater than 25 megawatts of electrical output. The cap-and-trade program is contingent on initiation of comparable programs in other states that are participating in the northeast regional greenhouse gas initiative. Chapter 317 requires the Department of Environmental Protection to develop carbon dioxide rules to implement the cap-and-trade program. Chapter 317 also:

1. Amends the laws governing the Public Utilities Commission's Efficiency Maine program, including a provision for an additional assessment on transmission and distribution utilities to fund efficiency programming;
2. Establishes the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust and the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust Fund, consisting of revenue from the sale of carbon dioxide offset allowances, to support the goals and implementation of the carbon dioxide cap-and-trade program; and
3. Establishes the Maine Energy Conservation Board to assist the Public Utilities Commission and the trustees of the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust in the development, coordination and integration of planning for the State's energy conservation efforts and to provide advice and counsel to the commission and the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust on energy conservation and carbon dioxide reduction matters.

LD 1887

An Act To Provide Additional Financing for Costs Associated with the Remediation of a Waste Oil Site in Plymouth

**PUBLIC 220
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

MARTIN

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends the Plymouth Waste Oil Loan Program and authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to loan money in the Waste Oil Clean-up Fund to eligible responsible parties to pay their share of oversight costs of the United States and the State, remedial action costs and costs related to any de minimis settlement offered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under federal law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 220 amends the Plymouth Waste Oil Loan Program and authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to loan money in the Waste Oil Clean-up Fund to eligible responsible parties to pay their share of oversight costs of the United States and the State, remedial action costs and costs related to any de minimis settlement offered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under federal law.

Public Law 2007, chapter 220 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 4, 2007.