

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 451      An Act to Provide Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses to Members of the Armed Forces      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ROTONDI MATTHEWS ERWIN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to provide a complimentary hunting, fishing and trapping license to active members of the United States Armed Forces. The bill also proposed to make gender-neutral and otherwise to update language concerning issuance of licenses to families of those members.

**LD 475      An Act to Ensure That Wildlife Rehabilitators Are Reimbursed for Actual Costs      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARSH GRAHAM JACQUES CARROLL J	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop and implement a plan to reimburse persons who aid or rehabilitate injured wildlife for any actual costs incurred.

**LD 477      An Act to Provide for Safer Hunting of Deer During the Firearms Season      PUBLIC 222**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SWAZEY JACQUES MATTHEWS MARSH	OTP      MAJ ONTP      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires a hunter to wear at least 2 articles of hunter orange clothing while hunting with a firearm during the open firearm season on deer.

**LD 554      An Act Concerning Renewal of Hunting Licenses for Older Citizens      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WHITCOMB STEVENSON	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make permanent hunting and fishing licenses issued to residents 70 years of age or older permanent. Currently, these licenses must be renewed every 2 years.