

# 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  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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 1296 An Act to Clarify Municipal Authority in Regulating Activities on Local Water Bodies Concerning Fishing or Ice Fishing**

**PUBLIC 228**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>                       | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| JACQUES<br>CLARK H<br>TRACY<br>MATTHEWS | OTP-AM                  | H-222                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits municipalities from adopting any ordinance or rule regulating ice fishing shacks. The bill proposed to prohibit municipal regulation of motor vehicles on ice on bodies of water. The committee amendment (H-222) strikes the provision of the bill concerning municipal regulation of motor vehicles on ice.

**LD 1297 An Act Regarding Deer Hunting Apparel Requirements**

**PUBLIC 175**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>            | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| JACQUES<br>SWAZEY<br>CLARK H | OTP                     |                           |

**SUMMARY**

This bill permits a decal to be worn on an article of solid-colored hunter orange clothing without violating the law which requires that a hunter wear an article of solid-colored hunter orange clothing while hunting.

**LD 1326 An Act to Protect Riders of Snowmobiles**

**ONTP-MAJ REP**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> |     | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| BUSTIN            | ONTP                    | MAJ |                           |
|                   | OTP-AM                  | MIN |                           |

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a safety information sheet concerning the operation of snowmobiles for distribution to all registrants, dealers and renters of snowmobiles. The bill also proposed to require persons renting snowmobiles to register as dealers and to provide helmets to persons renting snowmobiles from them. The minority committee report amendment (S-206) proposed to require persons in the business of renting snowmobiles to provide to renters a safety information sheet.

**LD 1380 An Act Regarding Bow Hunting**

**LV/WD**

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CARROLL D         | LV/WD                   |                           |

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to permit persons who have taken a deer with bow and arrow either during the special bow and arrow season on deer or during the regular deer season to hunt for and take one additional deer with bow and arrow provided the deer taken within a municipality or part of a municipality that was closed to the discharge of firearms during the hunting season on deer.