

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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, 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 2193 An Act to Institute a Pheasant Stamp Program for Cumberland and York Counties**

PUBLIC 736

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LARRIVEE POULIOT LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	H-1012 JACQUES

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a pheasant stamp program for individuals hunting pheasant in Cumberland County and York County. Committee amendment "A" (H-997), proposed to increase the pheasant stamp fee. This was the amendment which was voted out of committee last session before the bill was tabled and carried over. It was printed in error in place of the amendment approved by the committee this session. As a result, this committee amendment was indefinitely postponed and the amendment approved by the committee was adopted as House amendment "A" (H-1012). This amendment raises the fee for a pheasant permit to \$16; raises the portion of the fee that is retained by agents to \$1; repeals the pheasant permit program on June 30, 1993; requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in cooperation with rod and gun clubs that raise pheasants, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 1993 with recommendations concerning the continuation of the pheasant permit program; provides that the department will not absorb the costs of purchasing and raising pheasants for stocking for hunting, except that the department may use funds to purchase birds when and if it determines that it is financially feasible for it to do so. Under this amendment, purchasing and raising pheasants will be undertaken voluntarily by rod and gun clubs during the first year of this program.

**LD 2244 An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating Bear Hunting**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GOULD R A SUMMERS JACQUES	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require individuals who use bait to hunt bear to obtain written permission of the private property owner on whose land hunting will occur. The bill also proposed to add hunting bear with bait to the definition of recreational and harvesting activities in the law which limits the liability of landowners who grant permission to others to engage in recreational and harvesting activities on their land.

**LD 2332 An Act to Provide Additional Funding for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Through Increased License Fees**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PEARSON SUMMERS	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to increase the license fees charged by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The license fee increases associated with this bill would have generated an estimated \$2,300,000 in additional state revenue in calendar year 1993.