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

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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**LD 188 An Act to Establish a Minimum Age Limit on the Use of All-terrain Vehicles**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MORRISON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to raise the minimum age for operating an ATV from 10 to 12 years; prohibit a person between the ages of 12 and 16 years from operating an ATV with an engine size greater than 90 cubic centimeters; and expand age restrictions to apply to ATV's operated on all private and public land in this State.

**LD 296 An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws**

PUBLIC 141

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JACQUES  
LUDWIG

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-208 ROTONDI  
H-99

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to provide that any person convicted of shooting a domestic animal or of wounding or killing a person while hunting permanently loses the privilege to hunt.

The committee amendment (H-99) strikes and replaces the bill. Under this amendment a person convicted of violating Title 12, section 7406, subsection 14 (shooting a domestic animal) loses the privilege to hunt for 5 years. A person convicted of committing a crime against a person while hunting, if that crime involved a failure to properly identify the target, loses the privilege to hunt for 10 years. A person is entitled to have the privilege reinstated after the revocation period provided that person completes a firearm safety training program.

The house amendment (H-208) provides for an opportunity for a hearing upon revocation of a license.

**LD 297 An Act to Change the Penalty for Night Hunting or Illegal Killing of Large Game Animals**

PUBLIC 136

**SPONSOR(S)**  
SKOGLUND  
PINGREE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-203

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make a hunting license revocation mandatory for any person convicted of night hunting or illegally killing a large game animal.

The committee amendment (H-203) strikes and replaces the bill. This amendment provides for mandatory hunting and fishing license revocations for certain listed violations of the hunting and fishing laws of this State.