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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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 543      An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Distance  
Snowmobiles May Be Operated from Certain Buildings**

**PUBLIC 129  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK	OTP-AM	H-200

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow municipalities to enact ordinances that allow persons operating snowmobiles to access places of business by traveling along a public way or operating within 200 feet of a dwelling, hospital, nursing home, convalescent home or church.

The committee amendment (H-200) replaces the bill. Under this amendment municipal officials, county commissioners and the Department of Transportation, within their respective jurisdictions, are granted the authority to establish snowmobile-access routes within the built-up portions of any town or township for the purpose of allowing snowmobiles to access places of business. Local law enforcement officials are given primary enforcement responsibility under this provision.

**LD 566      An Act to Allow Bow Hunters to Take Antlerless Deer During  
the Open Firearms Season**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AULT HALL	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, upon receipt of appropriate application, to issue a permit to a person who possesses an archery hunting license allowing that person to take an antlerless deer with a bow and arrow during the open firearms season.

**LD 581      An Act to Require People Applying for the Moose Lottery to  
Have Hunting Licenses**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to amend the moose hunting laws to establish a permit system similar to the system now in use for antlerless deer permits. Under the revised system, a person would have been required to hold a valid hunting license in order to apply and would have been required to place the number of that hunting license on the permit application. (See LD 1025)

**LD 612      An Act to Ensure Safe Hunting**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to prohibit hunting within 1,000 feet of places where people live or congregate on a regular and systematic basis.