

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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## Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

**LD 983**

### **An Act to Exempt Owners of Shooting Ranges from any Civil or Criminal Action Relating to Noise Pollution**

DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES

**SPONSOR(S)**

MARSH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

REF TO ENR MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried over from the 1st Regular Session by the Judiciary Committee. The bill was re-referred to the Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. A majority of the committee voted to re-refer the bill to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. However, the House and Senate could not agree to the new referral and the bill died between the bodies.

The bill proposed to hold owners of shooting ranges immune from civil and criminal prosecution for matters relating to noise or noise pollution at the shooting range if the shooting range was operated in compliance with any noise control laws or ordinances in effect when the shooting range was constructed.

### **LD 1211 An Act Concerning Habitual Offenders under the Fish and Wildlife Laws**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

MARSH  
SUMMERS  
JACQUES

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried forward from the 1st Regular Session.

The bill proposed to elevate violation of the fish and wildlife laws by certain habitual violators to a Class C crime.

### **LD 1382 An Act to Strengthen the Landowner Relations Program**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

REED G

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried forward from the 1st Regular Session.

The bill proposed to establish a funding mechanism for the Landowner Relations Program. It would have required hunters, anglers and trappers to purchase a landowner relations stamp. Proceeds from the sale of this stamp would have been earmarked for a Landowner Relations Fund. Use of the fund would have been limited for use in the Program. The Program would have included a mechanism to permit the use of matching grants from local sporting organizations. (See L.D. 1829, which includes a provision designed to encourage landowners to keep their land open to hunting, trapping, fishing and other outdoor activities.)