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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

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 913**      **An Act to Provide Waiting Periods for Special Hunting Permits**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to provide that a person who obtains an antlerless deer permit may not obtain another antlerless deer permit until 3 years have elapsed since the issuance of the last permit. The bill also proposed to increase from 2 to 5 the number of years that must elapse before a person may obtain another moose hunting permit.

**LD 1015**      **An Act Relating to the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund**      PUBLIC 168

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HEINO	OTP-AM	H-246

**SUMMARY**

The current budget needs of the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund exceed projected revenues. This bill effectuates increases in amounts that may be contributed voluntarily to the fund and authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to perform certain fund-raising activities.

Existing law has been interpreted to prohibit receipt of voluntary contributions that are not made pursuant to the checkoff that appears on the tax forms. The bill clarifies existing law by permitting voluntary contributions to the fund.

The committee amendment (H-246) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1016**      **An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish Open and Closed Seasons on the Hunting of Bear**      PUBLIC 167

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JACQUES HALL	OTP-AM	H-247

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish open and closed seasons on the hunting of bear and to adopt other rules necessary for the protection of bear from over-hunting. A general open season on bear hunting as well as an open season on bear hunting using dogs are currently established by law.

The committee amendment (H-247) strikes and replaces the bill. Under this amendment, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is authorized to prohibit the use of bear bait during portions of the bear hunting season.