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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 1211**      **An Act Concerning Habitual Offenders under the Fish and Wildlife Laws**      CARRIED OVER

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>           | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARSH<br>SUMMERS<br>JACQUES |                         |                           |

**SUMMARY**

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

**LD 1231**      **An Act Requiring a Guide for Certain Nonresident Aliens Hunting in the State**      DIED BETWEEN BODIES

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b>    | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PARADIS J<br>AHEARNE | OTP-AM                  | S-172                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require that nonresidents be accompanied by a licensed guide while hunting.

The committee amendment (S-172) proposed to require non-resident aliens who are residents of any state, province, country or district that requires residents of this state to be accompanied by a guide while hunting in that state, province, country or district to be accompanied by a guide while hunting in this state.

**LD 1269**      **An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Alter the Deer Seasons**      PUBLIC 246

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GREENLAW          | OTP-AM                  | H-320                     |

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to remove the framework for setting the deer hunting season that is currently in the laws and to give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife flexibility to establish deer hunting seasons.

The bill also proposed to give the commissioner the authority to regulate deer populations in problem areas, including islands, where the herd is not, or can not, be controlled under the existing system by establishing special hunts to remove deer on a quota basis during early winter.

The committee amendment (H-320) preserves the current framework for setting deer seasons. It provides that the commissioner may establish deer seasons in problem areas.