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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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LD 1756

An Act to Authorize a Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Bond Issue of \$10,000,000 for Fish Hatcheries

P & S 90

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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H-1037 KILKELLY

H-962

SUMMARY

This bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee. The Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, however, discussed the bill and supported approval of the bill by the Appropriations Committee. Since the bill is directly related to matters within the jurisdiction of the Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, it is included here.

This bill authorizes, subject to approval in a Statewide referendum, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000, the proceeds of which will be used by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to repair fish hatcheries.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (reported by the Appropriations Committee) (H-962) clarifies that the bond issue must be used only for the purposes of improving and expanding fish hatcheries. The amendment decreases the length of the bond authorization from 10 years to 5 years. The amendment proposed to change the date of the bond issue referendum from the November 1994 general election to the June 1994 primary election. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1037) changes the referendum date back to November 1994 and adds a new fiscal note.

LD 1801 An Act to Revise Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws

PUBLIC 574
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HEINO

OTP-AM

H-804

SUMMARY

The bill does the following.

- 1. Makes minor changes in the list of fish species that are classified as baitfish. The changes correct names of certain species and adds a species of shiner.
- 2. Provides that the deputy commissioner serves as commissioner in the commissioner's absence or if the office of the commissioner becomes vacant. It also permits the commissioner to appoint an administrative officer to perform functions of the commissioner in the event that both the commissioner and deputy commissioner are disabled or absent.
- 3. Authorizes the sale of commercial advertising in abstracts of the laws published by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and issued to agents of the department for public distribution. Proceeds from the sales of advertising provide funds for the landowner relations program.
- 4. Adds pheasant hunting permits to the list of complimentary licenses that are available to residents over 70 years of age.
- 5. Updates references to fees for multi-year falconry licenses to reflect fee increases enacted in 1993.

4 Fisheries & Wildlife.