

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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*

*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*

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.

5581LHS

**LD 1781     An Act to Amend the Sea Urchin Harvesting and Licensing  
Laws and to Establish the Sea Urchin Fund**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
RAND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 1781 proposed to shorten the sea urchin harvesting closed season from 3 months to 2 months. This bill also proposed to increase license fees and to dedicate the increase to a sea urchin resource conservation, research and enforcement fund. The bill also proposed to require that persons diving for sea urchins possess a scuba certification from a nationally recognized agency.

**LD 1785     An Act Concerning Alewives**

PUBLIC 731

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-766

**SUMMARY**

LD 1785 increased from 24 hours to 72 hours the period of time that rivers or streams not managed under a lease agreement are closed to the taking of alewives.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-766) added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1827     An Act Concerning Authorization to Grow Certain Marine  
Species in Aquaculture**

PUBLIC 525

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

LD 1827 authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to amend aquaculture leases in a manner that permits the aquaculture of species not permitted under the terms of the original lease.

**LD 1871     An Act Concerning the Importation of Salmon**

PUBLIC 562  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-426  
S-433     VOSE

**SUMMARY**

LD 1871 repeals that provision of law that would have prohibited after July 1, 1995 the introduction into the waters of the State any fish raised in the state either from eggs or broodstock that originated in Icelandic, European or western North American waters. The bill retains the existing prohibition on the importation of Icelandic, European and western North American Atlantic Salmon, either live or as eggs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-426) added a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-433) eliminates the July 1, 1994 repeal of the provisions governing the salmon aquaculture monitoring and research fund. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.