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**STATE OF MAINE
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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LD 788 **An Act to Ensure That Permit Requirements are Met before the Sale of Live Fish or Fish Eggs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 788 proposed to require that a person licensed to sell commercially grown or imported fish that a buyer has the appropriate license or permit for the buyer's intended use of the live fish or fish eggs.

LD 789 **An Act to List Specific Threatened and Endangered Species** **PUBLIC 290**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK KILKELLY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-367

LD 789 proposed to update the current list of state endangered and threatened species.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367) proposed to add a provision to the bill requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit an annual report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife describing all current and planned programs, activities and rules relating to the conservation of endangered or threatened species. This amendment also proposed to correct a spelling error and to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 290 updates the statutory list of endangered and threatened species.

LD 798 **An Act to Protect the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from Unfunded Mandates** **PUBLIC 244**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	OTP-AM	S-176

LD 798 proposed to require that any program or service mandated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be paid for by those individuals who use or benefit from the provided service or program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-176) proposed to change a section number to avoid a conflict with legislation enacted earlier in this legislative session and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 244 requires that any program or service mandated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be paid for by those individuals who use or benefit from the provided service or program.

LD 799 **An Act to Limit the Type of Hunting Equipment Used by Hunters Who Have Already Tagged a Deer** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 799 proposed to prohibit a hunter who has already tagged a deer from hunting during an open hunting season on deer by any method other than with a shotgun and bird shot or while possessing any ammunition larger than bird shot unless the hunter is a moose permittee or subpermittee hunting in that hunter's respective zone.

LD 823 **An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine Tourism Commission** **PUBLIC 268**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY CHICK	OTP-AM	S-186

LD 823 proposed to establish a Maine Outdoor Recreation Council consisting of 13 members representing State Government, business interests and various public interests.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-186) proposed to replace the bill and change the title of the bill. The amendment proposed to add 3 new members to the Maine Tourism Commission to represent the outdoor sporting interests of the State. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 268 adds 3 new members to the Maine Tourism Commission to represent the outdoor sporting interests of the State.

LD 831 **An Act to Encourage Registrants of Snowmobiles to Be Members of Snowmobile Clubs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GREEN	ONTP	

LD 831 proposed to require that owners of snowmobiles who fail to provide satisfactory evidence of membership in a snowmobile club must pay an additional 10% surcharge when registering their snowmobile.