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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

MAY 1998

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

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 1998**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. 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 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:

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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

LD 2024**Resolve, to Establish Guidelines for the Ownership and Use of Certain Primates****ONTP**

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

LD 2024 proposed to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to set guidelines for the importation, ownership and use of certain primates and to consider policies to facilitate the use of certain primates by people with disabilities.

LD 2038**An Act to Enhance the Safety of Snowmobile Rental Operations****PUBLIC 614**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JONES SL MITCHELL B	OTP-AM	H-852

LD 2038 proposed to require that a snowmobile rental agent who rents or leases a snowmobile to another person instruct that person in proper snowmobile operation, including the use of the brake, throttle and kill switch, and provide to that person a copy of a pamphlet describing hand signals.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-852) replaced the bill and proposed to require that a person obtain a snowmobile rental agent certificate from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife before engaging in the renting or leasing of snowmobiles. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 614 requires that a person obtain a snowmobile rental agent certificate from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife before engaging in the renting or leasing of snowmobiles. The annual registration fee is \$25. The registration period runs from July 1st to June 30th. An exception is provided for camp trip leaders and licensed guides who accompany others on trips that include the use of snowmobiles.

A person who holds a snowmobile rental agent certificate may only rent snowmobiles that are registered to that person and must provide instruction on the use of the snowmobile to each person who rents or leases the snowmobiles.

This law also establishes a civil violation for which a minimum, nonwaivable, \$200 fine must be adjudged for any person who rents or leases snowmobiles without following the provisions of this bill.