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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the 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:

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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 September 18, 1999.

LD 782

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Commercial Shooting Area Hunting Licenses

**PUBLIC 325
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRACY	OTP-AM	H-514

LD 782 proposed to establish a reduced fee for a three-day special commercial shooting area hunting license and proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to waive the license requirement for a hunter who completes the safe hunter course.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-514) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to reformat the requirements as originally proposed and add a special 24-hour commercial shooting area hunting license for \$5. The amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 325 reformats the requirements for a three-day special commercial shooting area hunting license and adds a special 24-hour commercial shooting area hunting license for \$5. The law allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to waive the license requirement for a hunter who completes the safe hunter course.

Chapter 325 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

LD 844

An Act to Change the Moose Hunting Season to the Last Week of September

ONTP

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

LD 844 proposed to require the moose hunting season be in the last full week of September.

LD 846

An Act to Allow Elderly License Holders and Children to Fish by Any Method

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C		

LD 846 proposes to allow elderly license holders and children to take fish by any method.

LD 851

An Act to Establish a Lottery for Deer Hunters to Allow a Hunter to Take 2 Deer

ONTP