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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

JULY 2000

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

- 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
- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 1370

An Act to Reduce the Age at which a Maine Citizen May Obtain a Free Fishing and Hunting License and to Provide Free Licenses for Military Personnel

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

LD 1370 allows a resident of the State who is 65 years of age or older to receive a free hunting and fishing license. The bill also allows a person who is in active military service to receive a free hunting and fishing license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-806), the minority amendment, amends the bill by striking the section of the bill that reduces the age at which a citizen of the State may obtain a free fishing and hunting license. The amendment also changes the title and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1390

An Act to Expand Hunting Options for Disabled Military Veterans

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRAGDON | ONTP | |

LD 1390 allows disabled veterans to receive complimentary antlerless deer permits and one-time complimentary moose hunting permits.

LD 1435

An Act to Promote Equitable and Professional Management of Moose

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| USHER | ONTP | |

LD 1435 amends the moose hunting statutes to allow the number of permits to hunt moose to be based on current information available rather than set limits. It also changes the fee amounts for the permits and applications, as well as assigning money from the applications to youth conservation education programs. It repeals sections that establish public auctions for moose hunting permits.