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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 1830 **An Act to Provide Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Persons on Active Military Duty and Low-cost Licenses to Their Families** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1830 proposes to provide a complimentary hunting and fishing license to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty whose home of record is Maine and a license to a family member for \$15, plus the issuing fee.

LD 1904 **Resolve, to Study Issues Related to the Muzzle-loading Season** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BUMPS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1904 proposes to authorize a study within existing resources of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to address various issues relating to the muzzle-loading season.

LD 1968 **An Act Concerning Recreational and Commercial Trapping** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SNOWE-MELLO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1968 proposed to prohibit the trapping of fur-bearing animals, except for mice and rats and except when authorized by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It proposed to allow the commissioner to authorize a person to use a padded leg-hold trap to capture a nuisance fur-bearing animal if the person has attempted to utilize methods other than certain body-gripping traps and has failed to capture the animal. In addition, it proposed to allow government employees to use a padded leg-hold trap to protect threatened or endangered species, to protect human health or safety in extraordinary cases when the trap is the only method available or to conduct wildlife research approved by the commissioner or the United States Secretary of the Interior.

The bill also proposed to make a variety of technical changes to the inland fish and wildlife laws to reflect the proposed prohibition on trapping.

LD 2017 **An Act to Allow the Taking of Endangered or Threatened Species Under the Authority of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** **PUBLIC 316**