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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
MARINE RESOURCES**

**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](http://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  
ONT P..... 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 2562****An Act to Grandfather Apprentices in the Lobstering Program for  
Lobster Management Zone G Entry****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G CASSIDY	ONTP	

LD 2562 proposed to expand the eligibility criteria for a limited-entry lobster management zone to allow a person to be issued a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license that authorizes that person to fish a majority of that person's lobster traps in zone G if that person was enrolled in the apprentice lobster fishing program as of September 19, 1999 and was licensed as an apprentice to fish in zone G.

**LD 2577****An Act to Alter Eligibility for Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses  
for Persons Who are 65 Years of Age or Older****PUBLIC 658**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP      MIN	H-950

LD 2577 proposed to implement one of the recommendations of the Lobster Advisory Council relating to limiting effort in the lobster fishery. The bill proposed to repeal the provision that allows a person who did not possess a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license in the previous calendar year to be issued a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license if that person is 65 years of age or older and has previously held a lobster and crab fishing license. This bill also proposed to resolve a conflict in the current law.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-950)**, the majority report of the committee, proposed to remove language from the bill correcting a conflict.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 658 repeals the provision that allows a person who did not possess a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license in the previous calendar year to be issued a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license if that person is 65 years of age or older and has previously held a lobster and crab fishing license.