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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
MARINE RESOURCES**

JULY 1999

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 2236

**An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Location of Lobster Trap
Escape Vents**

**PUBLIC 274
EMERGENCY**

Presented by
GOLDTHWAIT
ETNIER

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2236 proposed to amend the laws relating to the location of escape vents on lobster traps to allow circular vents to be placed on the top of the trap over the head of an end parlor section. This bill was reported out of committee pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 274 amends the laws relating to the location of escape vents on lobster traps to allow circular vents to be placed on the top of the trap over the head of an end parlor section. Chapter 274 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 1999.

SP 613

**JOINT ORDER Relative to Establishing the Commission to
Review Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
LAWRENCE
WHEELER G
LEMONT

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

SP 613 proposed to establish the Commission to Review Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs. The joint order proposed to require the 9 member commission to study the distribution of municipal shellfish licenses between residents and nonresidents of a municipality and to report its findings and any proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.