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121st Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 960

**An Act To Allow the Alternate Use of Moose Permits when an
Emergency Prevents Permittee Use**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'BRIEN J		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 960 proposed to give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife authority to allow a subpermittee or alternate subpermittee on a moose permit to hunt as if the subpermittee or alternate subpermittee were the permittee when emergency circumstances prevented hunting by the permittee.

LD 963

**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Department of
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Fish Stocking Procedures and
Management and the Enforcement of Fishing Laws in Northwestern
Aroostook County**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACKSON MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 963 proposed to establish the Commission to Study the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Fish Stocking Procedures and Management and the Enforcement of Fishing Laws in Northwestern Aroostook County.

LD 964

An Act To Help Disabled, Elderly and Junior Hunters

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACKSON KNEELAND		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 964 proposed to allow a disabled person, a person 70 years of age or older or a junior hunter to take an antlerless deer during the first week of the regular season for deer.

LD 1000

An Act To Establish a Policy for Inland Fishing Rules

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CARPENTER DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1000 proposed to establish guidelines for the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife when enacting new fishing rules to set up the preferred order of restrictions. Under the bill, bag limits or length restrictions would be the first method employed to protect fish, and such restrictions would apply equally to open water and ice fishing. When the desired object could not be achieved through bag limits and length restrictions, then the next method would be gear restrictions. The method of last resort would be restrictions of opportunity by shortening seasons.