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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

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amendment would also clarify that an eligible person must submit an application and provide verification of disability before being issued a permit.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 142 creates a special antlerless deer license for residents that allow a person with an ambulatory disability to take an antlerless deer in areas already open to antlerless deer hunting. It also provides that an eligible person must submit an application and provide verification of disability before being issued the permit.

LD 761

An Act To Extend the Deer Hunting Season by One Week

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 761 proposed to extend the regular firearm deer hunting season by one week.

LD 762

An Act To Provide Moose Permits to Persons 75 Years of Age or Older with Hunting Experience

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACOBSEN COURTNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 762 proposed to allow a person 75 years of age or older who held a hunting permit for 3 of the past 5 years to receive a moose permit upon application to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 810

An Act To Require the Use of Reflective Material on Ice Fishing Shacks

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERRY A RAYE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 810 proposed to require that the information displayed on an ice fishing shack be in reflective material.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-231) proposed to replace the bill and prohibit a person from placing an ice fishing shack or structure on the inland waters of the State, unless it is marked midway up on 4 sides with Department of Transportation-approved reflective material measuring at least 12 square inches.