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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
First Special Session*

*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.

## Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**LD 1287**

**An Act Pertaining to the Use of Muzzle-loading Firearms during Muzzle-loading Deer Season**

**PUBLIC 280**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ANNIS<br>DAVIS P  | OTP-AM                  | H-433                     |

LD 1287 would allow the use of any muzzle-loading firearm during muzzle-loading-only open season on deer and specify that double-barreled muzzle-loading firearms may be used with both barrels loaded.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-433)** proposed to provide that during the muzzle-loading-only deer season a person may use both barrels of a traditional muzzleloader when using projectiles of 40 caliber or greater or buckshot and both barrels of a muzzle-loading shotgun.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 280 provides that during the muzzle-loading-only deer season a person may use both barrels of a muzzle-loading shotgun or a traditional muzzleloader if it is loaded with projectiles of 40 caliber or greater or buckshot.

**LD 1298**

**An Act To Provide Free Hunting and Fishing Permits to Senior Citizens**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>  | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BERUBE<br>COURTNEY | ONTP                    |                           |

LD 1298 proposed to allow senior citizens 70 years of age or older to hunt on the day established as youth deer hunting day. It would also provide a free hunting and fishing license to any person 70 years of age or older.

**LD 1300**

**An Act To Create the ATV Trail Advisory Council**

**PUBLIC 186  
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MOODY             | OTP-AM                  | H-287                     |

LD 1300 proposed to create the ATV Trail Advisory Council.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-287)** proposed to modify the membership of the ATV Trail Advisory Council as follows:

1. Require that the 3 members who represent ATV clubs that are ATV Recreational Management Fund grantees be from local clubs from different regions of the State and that one of those members belong to both an ATV club and a snowmobile club;