

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES  
AND WILDLIFE**

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

# Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

## LD 571 An Act To Protect Beef Producers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT	ONTP	

LD 571 allows a person to take or kill moose that are damaging property where cattle are kept or worrying the cattle on that property.

## LD 579 Resolve, To Extend Fall Fishing Opportunities

ACCEPTED ONTP  
REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOLMAN	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 579 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to establish a catch-and-release season in October and November for all stocked moving waters of the State.

## LD 605 An Act To Eliminate the Super Pack Hunting License

PUBLIC 163

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARRACHE	OTP-AM	S-86

LD 605 repeals the super pack hunting license.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-86)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

1. Changes the title of the bill to "An Act to Improve the Super Pack License:"
2. It makes a technical change by changing the name of the "archery-only" deer hunting season to the "regular archery-only" deer hunting season for the purpose of clarity;
3. It clarifies what licenses and permits are included in the super pack license;
4. It clarifies that a license or permit contained in the super pack license is not valid unless the holder of the super pack license has met the eligibility requirements for that specific license or permit; however, a person may be issued a super pack license without meeting the specific requirements of an individual license or permit contained in the super pack license;
5. It allows the holder of a super pack license to take up to 5 deer annually: one deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery-only season or the special muzzle-loading season; one deer under an antlerless deer permit; and 3 more deer during the special archery season in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11402, subsection 4; and

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6. Provides an effective date of January 1, 2008.

## Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 163 does the following:

1. It makes a technical change by changing the name of the "archery-only" deer hunting season to the "regular archery-only" deer hunting season for the purpose of clarity;
2. It clarifies what licenses and permits are included in the super pack license;
3. It clarifies that a license or permit contained in the super pack license is not valid unless the holder of the super pack license has met the eligibility requirements for that specific license or permit; however, a person may be issued a super pack license without meeting the specific requirements of an individual license or permit contained in the super pack license; and
4. It allows the holder of a super pack license to take up to 5 deer annually: one deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery-only season or the special muzzle-loading season; one deer under an antlerless deer permit; and 3 more deer during the special archery season in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11402, subsection 4.

### LD 616 An Act To Allow the Transfer of an Antlerless Deer Permit to a Child with a Disability

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

ANNIS

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 616 allows a person who holds a valid antlerless deer permit to transfer that permit to a child with a disability as long as the child has successfully completed a hunter safety course.

### LD 617 An Act To Promote Moose Hunting

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

ANNIS

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 617 allows a person who holds a valid moose permit to give that person's subpermittee permission to hunt a moose alone without the presence of that person.

### LD 618 An Act To Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses BY REQUEST

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

CRESSEY

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 618 increases to \$3 the fees charged for issuing hunting and fishing licenses and permits by agents and clerks appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.