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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**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 LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*CARRIED OVER* ..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature  
*CON RES XXX*..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT* ..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

***Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife***

**LD 1019      An Act To Make Changes to the Allocation of Revenue from Watercraft Registration      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP	

This bill requires that the money collected from the increase in fees pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part OO, sections 14 and 15 for certificates for watercraft must be credited evenly between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources.

**LD 1020      An Act To Allow a Spring Bear Hunting Season      ONTP**

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

This bill establishes a spring season on hunting bear from the 3rd Monday in May to the 4th Saturday in June.

**LD 1058      Resolve, To Create a Mitigation Fund for Damage Caused by Unauthorized All-terrain Vehicle Use on Private Land      MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This resolve requires the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to jointly develop recommendations to establish and fund a mitigation fund for damage caused by unauthorized all-terrain vehicle use on private land. The recommendations, along with any necessary implementing legislation, must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 2012.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-523)**

This amendment is the minority report. It replaces the resolve and provides that a person convicted of a violation of an ATV-related prohibition must be assessed a surcharge that is 10% of the fine assessed as a result of that violation in addition to the fine. It also creates the All-terrain Vehicle Mitigation Fund to help private landowners mitigate damage caused to their property by ATV use. Revenue generated by the 10% surcharge for violations of an ATV-related law must be deposited into the fund.