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125th Legislature Second Regular Session



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 Second Regular Session of the 125th 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
	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 de,	feated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
	action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY enacted	law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL P.	ASSAGEemergency 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 s	igned; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
	sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
	ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
	indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or RE	SPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX	chapter # of enacted private & special law
	chapter # of enacted public Law
	chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. 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 1327 Resolve, To Study the Organization of the Fisheries Management Activities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Make Recommendations To Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FLEMINGS	ONTP	
TRAHAN		

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

It is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This resolve proposes to study the organization and operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with respect to the management of the inland fisheries resources in the public waters of the State to identify and recommend changes that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of those activities.

LD 1408 An Act To Amend Water Quality Standards for Fish Hatcheries

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
TRAHAN	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Current law requires a nutrient management plan for a fish hatchery to address storage, management and use of fish waste from the hatchery with the goal of improving water quality. This bill requires the plan to have the goal of maintaining water quality.

LD 1613 An Act To Strengthen the Relationship between Land Users and Landowners

PUBLIC 576

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CUSHING SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-793 H-819 DAVIS

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill would make statutory changes that would help continue the tradition of public recreational access to private land. Specifically, it would revamp the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board's functions, establish a strategy for long-term funding of a landowner relations program, implement the recommendations being developed for a land user certification program and update the landowner liability laws as they relate to public use of private land.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-793)