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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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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 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
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 125th 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 1456 An Act Regarding the Right of Native Americans To Be Issued Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses

**PUBLIC 327
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
Soctomah RAYE	OTP-AM	H-392

This bill ensures that certain hunting, trapping and fishing licenses without charge or fee are available only to certified members of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-392)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause and clarifies that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may issue the complimentary licenses to hunt, fish and trap only to members of Maine's 4 federally recognized tribes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 327 provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may issue the complimentary licenses to hunt, fish and trap only to members of Maine's 4 federally recognized tribes.

Public Law 2011, chapter 327 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 14, 2011.

LD 1509 An Act To Enhance Enforcement of Fish and Game Laws By Authorizing Maine To Enter into an Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

PUBLIC 220

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SARTY	OTP	

This bill provides the authority for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to participate in an interstate wildlife violator compact, an agreement between member states designed to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of conservation law enforcement personnel and information, and to provide for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators within the member states. It also authorizes adoption of rules to implement provisions of the compact.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 220 provides the authority for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to participate in an interstate wildlife violator compact, an agreement between member states designed to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of conservation law enforcement personnel and information, and to provide for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators within the member states. It also authorizes adoption of rules to implement provisions of the compact.