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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST 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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 128<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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 52      An Act To Exempt Certain Veterans from Hunter Safety Courses**

**Died Between  
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WALLACE R DOW D	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill provides that a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States is exempt from hunter safety course requirements if that veteran provides at the time of application for a hunting license that veteran's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or its predecessor or successor forms, or certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the Armed Forces of the United States verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the substantive provision of the bill. The amendment provides that a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who provides verification of military service and who received an honorable discharge within three years of the date of application for a hunting license is exempt from the portions of the hunter safety course requirements that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines have been satisfied by the veteran's military training.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 60      An Act To Allow Senior Hunters To Shoot Antlerless Deer**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill allows persons 70 years of age and older to receive a permit to lawfully take an antlerless deer during the open season on deer. The bill directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to designate which hunting zones are open to the taking of antlerless deer.

**LD 61      An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sundays by Licensed Hunters Using a Shotgun**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D CARPENTER M	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows licensed hunters to hunt wild birds on Sundays with a shotgun.