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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

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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 483 An Act To Improve Enforcement of Snowmobile Noise Levels**

**PUBLIC 71**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-48

This bill removes provisions of law regarding snowmobile noise levels to reflect current snowmobile manufacturing standards.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after February 1, 2007 unless the snowmobile has a visible and unaltered certification marking issued by an independent organization that certifies snowmobiles for uniformity of safety features and noise levels on the snowmobile's exhaust silencer. The amendment provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after October 1, 1985 that emits total vehicle noise greater than 78 decibels.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 71 provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after February 1, 2007 unless the snowmobile has a visible and unaltered certification marking issued by an independent organization that certifies snowmobiles for uniformity of safety features and noise levels on the snowmobile's exhaust silencer. Public Law 2017, chapter 71 provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after October 1, 1985 that emits total vehicle noise greater than 78 decibels.

**LD 484 An Act To Allow Ice Fishing in Seboomook Lake Township on Baker Lake and on Third, Fourth and Fifth St. John Ponds**

**ONTP**

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

This bill allows ice fishing on Baker Lake and Third, Fourth and Fifth St. John ponds in Somerset County.

**LD 485 An Act To Allow Migratory Game Birds To Be Hunted on Sundays**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows Sunday hunting for migratory game birds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The bill allows hunting of migratory game birds on Sundays. The amendment allows hunting of migratory game birds, except the American woodcock, on Sundays. The amendment prohibits hunting migratory game birds on Sundays from agricultural land except with the landowner's permission. The amendment prohibits hunting migratory game birds on Wednesdays and possession of a migratory game bird that