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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*

was hunted on a Wednesday. The amendment provides that a person who hunts migratory game birds on a Wednesday or possesses a migratory game bird that was hunted on a Wednesday commits a Class E crime.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 506      An Act To Allow Reciprocal Recognition of New Hampshire and Maine Snowmobile Registrations      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D WADSWORTH N	ONTP	

This bill allows a person from November 15th to May 1st to operate in this State a snowmobile registered in the State of New Hampshire if the State of New Hampshire allows a person to operate in the State of New Hampshire a snowmobile registered in this State.

**LD 509      An Act To Allocate at Least 10 Percent of Antlerless Deer Permits Available in Each Wildlife Management District to Hunters 70 Years of Age and Older      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill requires that at least 10% of antlerless deer permits issued in a wildlife management district be issued to eligible hunters who are 70 years of age and older.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, decreases the percentage of antlerless deer permits issued in a wildlife management district to eligible hunters 70 years of age and older from 10%, as provided in the bill, to 5%.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 547      An Act To Update Maine's Fishing Laws      PUBLIC 150**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S DUCHESNE R	OTP-AM	S-167

This bill:

1. Prohibits a person from altering fish, including smelts, from their natural state until after a wet measure has been conducted;
2. Replaces the term "alewives" with the term "river herring" to be more consistent with Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife usage. The definition of river herring includes both alewives and blueback herring; and
3. Removes several species from the definition of baitfish that do not exist in the waters of the State, are not