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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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*

correspondingly increases the fee for a guide license from \$81 to \$135. Public Law 2017, chapter 441 has an effective date of January 1, 2019.

**LD 1759      An Act To Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the      PUBLIC 325**  
**Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area**

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

This bill renames the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in Mr. Hutchinson's honor and memory.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 325 renames the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in Mr. Hutchinson's honor and memory.

**LD 1790      An Act Regarding Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear and Carrying a      PUBLIC 357**  
**Handgun during the Regular Archery-only Season on Deer**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING A	OTP-AM	S-369

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a youth hunting day for hunting bear. An adult supervisor, parent or guardian accompanying the youth is allowed to possess a firearm while the youth is hunting bear.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-369)**

This amendment removes the provision of the bill that specifically provides that an adult supervisor, parent or guardian accompanying a youth on a youth hunting day for hunting bear may possess a firearm while the youth is hunting bear. The amendment also corrects a cross-reference in the section of law regarding carrying firearms during the regular archery-only season on deer to reflect that current law does not require a person eligible to carry a concealed handgun to obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun in most circumstances.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 357 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a youth hunting day for hunting bear. Public Law 2017, chapter 357 corrects a cross-reference in the section of law regarding carrying firearms during the regular archery-only season on deer to reflect that current law does not require a person eligible to carry a concealed handgun to obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun in most circumstances.

**LD 1816      An Act Regarding the Penalties for Hunting Deer over Bait      PUBLIC 355**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P MARTIN D	OTP	

Current law provides that a person who is convicted a second time of hunting deer over bait during an open season