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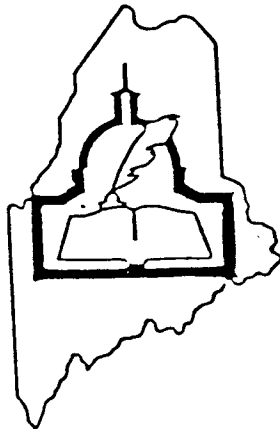
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

Section 1 defines conviction to mean a judgment of a court in favor of the State in either a civil or criminal proceeding. This is necessary in order for the commissioner to revoke licenses in those instances where fish and wildlife violations are handled through civil process.

Section 2 removes a civil penalty from the section which now deals exclusively with criminal penalties.

Section 3 defines which offenses are civil violations and sets forth the applicable penalties. Section 3 also establishes that charging a civil rather than a criminal violation is a matter of prosecutorial discretion.

Section 4 allows a person who has been summonsed for a criminal offense to answer to a civil complaint without further service or process, although failure to appear may result in a default judgment if the prosecutor has chosen the civil violation.

LD: 298 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE FEES FOR SELLING EMERSON  
OUT-OF-STATE HUNTING LICENSES

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to remove the fees imposed on agents for selling out-of-state hunting licenses.

LD: 338 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF JACQUES  
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE TO CONTINUE MATTHEWS Z  
TO REGULATE THE HARVEST OF ANTLERLESS DEER USHER

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted GREENLAW  
SENATE Enacted PUBLIC  
GOV SIGNED CH # 230

H-151 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife currently has authority to regulate the harvest of antlerless deer in any area of the State. This authority became effective on January 1, 1983, and is scheduled to terminate early in 1986. Without a change in the current statute, Maine will be back to either sex deer hunting on a statewide basis in the fall of 1986.

Under the provisions of this bill, the commissioner has authority to restrict the harvest of does and fawns beyond 1985. Adoption of a doe permit system requires prior approval by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. If a doe permit system were to be implemented in the future, the application fee for a permit to take an antlerless deer could not exceed \$1.

Committee Amendment A eliminates the necessity that rules necessary for an antlerless deer permit system be approved by the Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. This amendment requires that the department submit rules necessary for an antlerless deer permit system to the committee by March 1st of the year of implementation of such a system for review and comment. It repeals the permit system provisions of the Act 30 days after receipt of these rules.

LD: 367 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MAINE WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON DIAMOND G BROWN A PEARSON PUBLIC CH # 95

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED

H-38 CA JACQUES H S  
S-28 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a limited wild turkey hunting season. The commissioner shall set the hunting zones and the hunting season, which shall be between May 1 and June 15. The commissioner may establish a permit system for hunting wild turkeys. The bag limit is 1 turkey. Hunting may be between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 11 a.m.

Committee Amendment A adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note for \$10,000 per year to the bill to indicate the effect of the application fees associated with the program.

House Amendment A is to clarify that the funds used to establish the wild turkey season are allocated from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD: 446 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COYOTE SNARING SEASON MCGOWAN TARDY MASTERMAN TWITCHELL

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill establishes a coyote snaring season during the winter months. Snares are currently illegal for any purpose.