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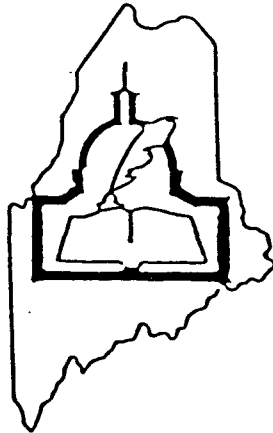
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE STOCKING OF FISH IN
1836 BODIES OF WATER

LVWD

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Aliberti, Handy, Stevens A
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to require public hearings before new species of fish could be stocked in the lakes of Maine. The bill was an outgrowth of a situation in Sabattus Pond where the Department of Marine Resources has been stocking alewives. The citizens in that area were concerned about issues of algae growth and sport fishing. The Department of Fisheries & Wildlife opposed the bill because of the tremendous logistic problems that it would create.

The sponsor took a leave to withdraw with the promise that the Department of Marine Resources would keep residents of the Sabattus area fully advised of their future plans and seek local input before implementing them.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A ONE-DAY FISHING LICENSE
2042

PL 1985
c. 575

Sponsor: ROTONDI, Smith C B, Lander, Conners
Committee Report: New draft of LD 1798

SUMMARY: This new draft establishes a one day fishing license at a cost of \$5. It differs from the original bill in that it allows the license to be exchanged for a season license, eliminates the yearly fee increase, and adds an effective date of January 1, 1987.

LD AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A DOE PERMIT SYSTEM UNTIL
2073 JUNE 1, 1987

H-ENG AS AM
S- ONTP

Sponsor: SMITH C B, Conners, Webster M, Dow
Committee Report: MAJ-OTP-AM, MIN-ONTP

H-630 CA H

SUMMARY: This bill sought to postpone the implementation of a doe permit system until June 1, 1987.

LD 358 of the 1st session gave permission to the Department for a doe permit system provided that the regulations for it were submitted to the Standing Committee by March 1 of

the year of implementation. The bill also had a provision which, in the official opinion of the Office of Policy & Legal Analysis and the unofficial opinion of the Revisor of the Statutes, removed this permission 30 days after the submission of these regulations, which was the desire of the Committee. However, the informal opinion of the Attorney General did not agree. LD 2073 was introduced as a consequence of this opinion of the Attorney General. The sponsors of LD 2073 felt that the Department was proceeding too rapidly. This prevented the Department from adequately analyzing the results of the recently instituted bucks only legislation and also did not allow the Department time to properly prepare for the doe permit.

Committee Amendment A moved up the authorization date until February 1, 1987. The Department was concerned that the June 1, 1987 date would in practice require a 2 year moratorium since they would not have adequate time to prepare for the 1987 season.

LD 2079 AN ACT PERTAINING TO SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION

PL 1985
c. 631

Sponsor: SMITH C B, McPherson, Matthews Z, Perkins
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill provided for the local registration of snowmobiles with local agents permitted to charge \$1 for this service.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife currently registers all snowmobiles at the Augusta office. The annual registration fee is \$11.25, four dollars and fifty cents of which is retained by the agency to cover the cost of administering and enforcing the snowmobile law (.50 goes to Parks and Recreation for the snowmobile trail fund and \$6.00 goes back to the towns in lieu of property taxes).

Under the provisions of this bill, the Department would continue to be responsible for the registration of all snowmobiles. It would receive monthly reports and revenue collections from the municipal agents in much the same manner as it receives hunting and fishing license revenues. It would continue to automate all snowmobile registrations and send out pre-printed renewal forms. However, the renewals would be sent to the towns rather than to individual snowmobile owners.