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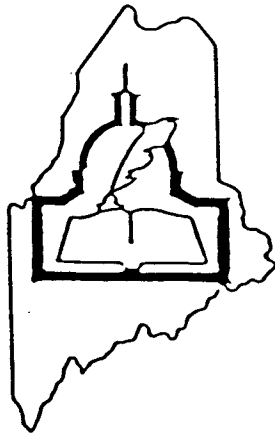
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

SUMMARY: This bill reduced the nonresident commercial fishing license fee from \$900 to \$200. Very few nonresident licenses are currently sold. Concern over the success of the new Portland Fish Display Auction led to this effort to remove barriers to the participation of nonresident fishermen in the Portland Auction. The Committee unanimously approved the bill and added an emergency preamble (CAH-601).

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE LOBSTER RESEARCH AND
2248 MANAGEMENT

PL 1985
c. 677

Sponsor: CROWLEY
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 718.

H-606	CROWLEY	H	S
H-616	BOST	H	S
H-641	CROWLEY	H	S

SUMMARY: This is a new draft of LD 718 heldover from the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The new draft provides for an increase in the minimum legal lobster size of 1/16th inch spread over a 3 year period. This action is made contingent on parallel action by the New England Fisheries Management Council enforceable throughout the U.S. through federal regulation or legislation. A national prohibition on the possession of v-notch lobster is also required. The increase is repealed on January 1, 1988 if these prerequisite actions have not occurred. The bill also establishes the framework for ongoing lobster management research. The bill is the result of a study by the Committee and its consultants entitled "Biological and Economic Analysis of the Lobster Fishery in Maine". A majority of the committee approved the bill. A minority of the committee felt that the measure was not justified and would impose unacceptable economic impacts of the industry. Floor amendments changed the measure increase to 1/8th inch over a 5 year period (HA-606), made a technical correction (HB-616) and corrected legal deficiencies in the effective date clause (HC-641).

LD AN ACT CONCERNING ATLANTIC SALMON
2284

PL 1985
c. 703

Sponsor: CARTER, Ruhlin, Conners, Perkins
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1963.

H-642	CROWLEY	H	S
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SUMMARY: The original bill would have established a licensing, tagging and registration requirement throughout all Maine waters for Atlantic sea-run salmon fishing. The fee structure was also changed to provide for short term, nonresident licenses. The new draft limits the license and tag requirement to specific coastal waters in the estuaries of certain rivers. The registration requirement and new fee structure are kept from the original bill. Special provisions for commercial and recreational fishermen outside of the specific waters referenced above (listed in 12 MRSA §6255, sub§2). The Committee unanimously approved the new draft. A floor amendment (HA-642) was adopted providing an exemption from the registration requirement for aquacultured salmon consistent with other existing provisions of Maine law.