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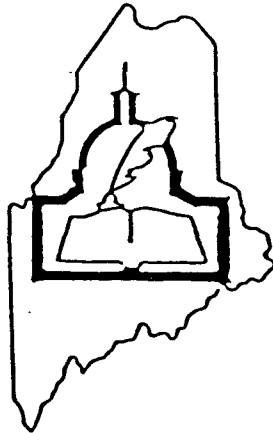
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BILL SUMMARY



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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

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Clark H, Smith C W, Duffy
Committee Report: New draft of LD 1759

H-634	HA		
H-652	HB	H	S
H-654	HC	H	S

SUMMARY: This was a Department omnibus bill. Its major provisions were:

1. to change the definition of muzzle-loading firearm so as to allow the use of smoothbore muzzle-loading firearms during the special muzzle-loading season on deer. Smoothbore firearms may be legally used at the present time for hunting deer during the regular firearm season, but not during this special season;
2. to repeal a sunset provision which, as of April 1, 1986, would have eliminated provisions for hunting coyotes at night. Inadvertently, this repeal was not put on an emergency basis and, therefore, the sunset took effect before the bill became law. It is planned to correct this oversight in an errors bill during the special session scheduled for late May, 1986;
3. to establish a \$10 fee for applying to take the examination to be a licensed guide. The fee will permit taking the examination twice, should that be necessary, and the fee, if the applicant is successful, will be applied to the license cost;
4. to add a provision to the trap tending law requiring that killer-type traps set in unorganized towns, except water sets, be tended at least once in every 7 days. Current law does not require that these traps be tended within any particular time period; and
5. to authorize the commissioner to extend the grouse hunting season until December 10th annually in the central part of the State.

This new draft differs from the original bill principally in that the original bill had a provision for allowing Department agents to use gill nets. Since a similar bill had been introduced unsuccessfully in the first session, it violated legislative procedures to introduce the same measure in the 2nd session.

House Amendments A & B add a provision allowing transfer of commercial rafting trips from the Dead River to the Kennebec under certain specific and limited conditions.

House Amendment C dealt with a definition change.