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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE ATV LAWS.
594

ONTP

Sponsor: MICHAUD
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would have changed the minimum age for operating an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) unsupervised from 15 to 13 years of age. Proponents suggested developing an exam to qualify 13 year olds.

The Committee felt that the ATV legislation was too new to tinker with and that there are still too many problems associated with ATV usage to reduce the age limit at this time.

LD AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE SALE OF BEAR.
598

ONTP

Sponsor: SMITH, Tammara
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to legalize the sale of harvested bears, provided they were intact. It would have kept the current prohibition on selling bear parts. The sponsor felt that bears are not comparable to deer and moose because they can be baited and hunted with dogs. Thus it should be legal to sell the carcasses.

Opponents cited the precedent this would set in allowing Maine wildlife to be commercially sold. The ability to sell the meat of a big game species increases hunting pressure on these animals.

LD AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE HUNTING OF DEER, BEAR
603 AND MOOSE.

ONTP

Sponsor: SCARPINO
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to ban all hunting of deer, bear and moose within the State.