

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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  
1220

AN ACT TO ALLOW CROSSBOW HUNTING FOR  
HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

LVWD

Sponsor: LEBOWITZ, Jacques, Greenlaw  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have allowed physically impaired hunters to hunt with a crossbow. The impaired individual would have to apply to the Department for a permit and certify he was at least 16 years of age, had lost one or more hands and demonstrate his ability to use a crossbow. The Department strongly opposes the use of a crossbow as they feel it is a dangerous weapon and too powerful to be in general use in the woods. They claim they could not currently certify whether a person had the skills necessary to safely use one of these devices.

LD  
1222

AN ACT REGARDING POSTING OF PRIVATE LAND.

LVWD

Sponsor: DUFFY, Martin J, Clark H, Pray  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have established a separate doe permit lottery system for owners of over 40 acres of contiguous land as an incentive to keep it open. It also would have made it illegal for anyone other than the resident landowner or his family to hunt, trap or fish on posted land; no guests or friends would be allowed to hunt.

The bulk of the testimony ran against this bill, stating that it would create a morass of enforcement and administrative problems, that the number of eligible landowners would exceed the allocated number of doe permits and that stripping hunting, fishing and trapping rights from posted land was unconstitutional.

The Department recognizes that landowner relations must be improved for hunters and new positions were added in LD 1848, the part II budget, to address these problems.