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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

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**LD 2348** An Act to Regulate the Taking of Turtles for Commercial Purposes

**PUBLIC 608 EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)  
ROTONDI  
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2018

This bill was introduced in response to an incident in the summer of 1987 where dozens of large snapping turtles were dumped near a pond and left to die and rot. There were no means to track down who had dumped the turtles and why. The original bill would have required anyone harvesting snapping turtles to obtain a license from the department for \$10, to provide a mechanism to track harvesters.

The new draft requires people harvesting snapping turtles for commercial purposes to obtain a permit. The department also is required to promulgate rules for the humane handling of these turtles.

**LD 2372** An Act to Revise and Modify Certain Laws Relating to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**PUBLIC 696**

SPONSOR(S)  
JACQUES  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-548

SUMMARY

This is the annual departmental bill to update small portions of their statutes and to correct technical errors. LD 2372 was amended by the committee to include a broader range of topics. There was no fiscal note on this bill.

Section 1 of the committee amendment (H-548) amends the definition of driving deer to include moose, and section 14 prohibits moose driving.

Section 2 moves the definition of sporting dogs into the definitions section of the inland fisheries and wildlife laws.

The mandatory minimum fine for many fish and wildlife related violations was recently increased by the Legislature from \$500 to \$1,000. Section 3 increases, accordingly, the amount of personal recognizance which a game warden may accept from a prisoner when the arrest takes place more than 50 miles from the nearest District Court having jurisdiction.

Section 4 removes a provision pertaining to license revocation for persons convicted of 2nd fish and wildlife violations. This section is no longer