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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 Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-ND

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2590

**LD 2420** An Act to Make Changes in the Laws Concerning Licensed Maine Guides and Related Laws (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, Chapter 17) **PUBLIC 742 EMERGENCY**

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-611  
H-654 JACQUES

SUMMARY

This bill embodies the recommendations of the Commission to Review the Laws Relating to Registered Maine Guides, a 13 member group that met repeatedly over the interim, to revise the guiding laws. A number of major changes were enacted through this bill including limiting camping trips requiring a guide to those in primitive camping areas and defining those areas as those not having access to a water supply approved by the Department of Human Services.

- \* Changing the license period to 3 years;
- \* Phasing in a requirement for first aid training;
- \* Dropping hunting and fishing privileges from the license;
- \* Reducing the license fee in light of the reduced privileges;
- \* Exempting camp trip leaders from having to obtain a guide license to lead a camping trip with adults;
- \* Requiring certification in watercraft safety for guides carrying clients in boats;
- \* Establishing a process for mandatory revocation of guiding licenses for habitual offenders, guides assisting clients in violating fish and wildlife laws, and not reporting a violation by a client within a reasonable time;
- \* Making it illegal to knowingly hire an unlicensed guide; and
- \* Requiring guides to report violations by their clients as soon as possible.