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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::

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

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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season 2380

OTP-ND

OTP-AM

ND 2590

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MCGOWAN ROTONDI

SMITH WEYMOUTH

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2590

LD An Act to Make Changes in the Laws Concerning Licensed Maine PUBLIC

2420 Guides and Related Laws (Reported Pursuant to Resolves 1987, 742

Chapter 17) EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

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.

The bill also increases the size of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides to ensure that several members are recreation-oriented.

The laws covering camp trip leaders are reorganized and amended to require the department to develop standards to define when a trip is considered unsafe.

A committee amendment (H-611) changes the required date for the department to promulgate rules and included an allocation for public members of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides.

A Senate Amendment (S-421) corrects several technical problems and a House Amendment (H-654) guaranteed that all licenses sold before the effective date of the Act would remain in effect until they expired.

LD RESOLVE, to Establish the Special Commission on Boating 2446

RESOLVE

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) SIMPSON COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-618

S-539 PEARSON

STANLEY CLARK H BLACK

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to establish a special commission on boating safety. A tremendous increase in recreational boating has fueled many conflicts between user groups on Maine's rivers and lakes. The department has recently completed a comprehensive boating plan which addresses many of these problems.

A committee amendment included an emergency preamble on the bill, removed per diem expenses for commission members and made technical changes to the fiscal note.

LD An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations to the Department of P & S

2460 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the Fiscal Years Ending
June 30, 1988 and June 30, 1989 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) GREENLAW COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BRAWN

SUMMARY

The Department's Biennial Budget which was enacted during the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature, included an allocation for \$160,000 in each of the two years to accommodate a transfer of federal funds from the Department of Conservation to acquire and maintain motorboat access sites. However, only \$80,000 of this money (\$40,000 annually) was allocated in the State account; the remainder was allocated in the Federal Account.

Since federal reimbursement for up to 75% of the cost of these types of projects is contingent upon an initial expenditure of State funds, the bill

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