

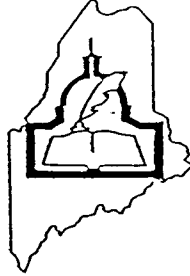
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

An Act Concerning the Safe and Responsible Operation of Watercraft (Reported Pursuant to Resolves of 1987, Chapter 111)

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill contains recommendations of the Special Commission on Boating created by Resolve 1987, chapter 111.

The bill sought to impose restrictions on the use of personal watercraft; revise the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to make rules restricting horsepower of watercraft on inland waters; raise the annual registration fee for motorized watercraft to \$15; enact a noise limit for motorboats; provide that the owner of a watercraft commits a civil violation if that person permits any person to operate that watercraft and that operator commits any other prohibited acts concerning the operation of that watercraft; prohibit high rates of speed within 200 feet of the shore on inland waters and within marinas and approved anchorages on all waters; clarify that the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation has the power to make rules governing the placement of seasonal objects in Maine waters; and fund 10 new wardens for boating law enforcement and purchase of 5 new boats and trailer.

See also LD 80.