

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



BILL SUMMARY
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

JULY 1989

MEMBERS

Sen. Edgar E. Erwin *
Sen. Donald E. Esty, Jr.
Sen. Robert R. Gould

Rep. Paul F. Jacques *
Rep. Herbert E. Clark
Rep. Carl B. Smith
Rep. Dorothy A. Rotondi
Rep. Thomas A. Duffy
Rep. Joseph G. Walker
Rep. Richard H. C. Tracy
Rep. Ernest C. Greenlaw
Rep. Frank H. Farren, Jr.
Rep. John H. Carroll

* Denotes Chair

Staff: John R. Selser, Legislative Analyst

Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Sta. 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-1670

MARTHA E. FREEMAN, DIRECTOR
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
ULIE S. JONES, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
DAVID C. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
WILBERT W. BREWER
RODD R. BURROWES
MIRO FLATEBO
JEBORAH C. FRIEDMAN
JOHN B. KNOX



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL: (207) 289-1670

ANNIKA E. LANE
EDWARD POTTER
MARGARET J. REINSCH
LARS H. RYDELL
JOHN R. SELSER
HAVEN WHITESIDE
CAROLYN J. CHICK, RES. ASST
ROBERT W. DUNN, RES. ASST
HARTLEY PALLESCHI, JR., RES. ASST

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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.

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-579

SUMMARY

This bill, as replaced by Committee Amendment "A", consolidated all the issues raised by the legislation resulting from the recommendations of the Special Commission on Boating contained in LD's 76, 77, 78, 79 and 80. The bill, as enacted, made the following changes to the law.

1. It defines personal watercraft and requires that personal flotation devices be worn while operating or riding on a personal watercraft. It prohibits operation of personal watercraft at night and prohibits anyone under 12 from operating a personal watercraft. It also makes it a civil violation for the owner of a personal watercraft to allow anyone to operate a that watercraft in violation of the law and makes parents liable for their minor children who operate a personal watercraft in violation of the law.
2. It prohibits speeds greater than headway speed in the water safety zone, marinas, or approved anchorages, except to pick up or drop off waterskiers.
3. It authorizes the appointment of municipal harbor masters on inland waterways, and clearly articulates the authority of harbor masters and all law enforcement personnel to enforce watercraft laws. Any fines, forfeitures and penalties collected for violations of the watercraft laws as a result of local law enforcement efforts shall be returned to that municipality.
4. It requires life jackets to be worn between January 1 and June 1 while canoeing or kayaking on the Saco River.
5. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study the method, cost and procedures for a mandatory boating safety course.
6. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to monitor the effects of enacting this legislation and jointly report to the Legislature.

LD 101 An Act to Increase the Number of Moose Hunting Permits

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

HEPBURN
JACKSON
WEBSTER C

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill sought to increase the number of moose hunting permits to be issued from 1,000 to 1,500. It would have retained the current provisions that provide for up to 10% of those permits to be issued to nonresidents and aliens. (See also LD 277, a competing measure.)