

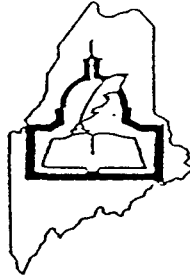
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ON
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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.

An Act to Reduce the Lobster and Crab Fishing License Fee for Persons 70 Years of Age or Older

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-414

SUMMARY

The original bill sought to provide complimentary marine resources licenses for lobster and crab fishing activities, shellfishing, handfishing for scallops and digging marine worms. To be eligible an applicant must be 75 years of age or older, have held an applicable license for 5 of the previous 10 years or, for a scallop handfishing license, 3 of the previous 5 years.

The committee amendment replaced the bill and would have provided a reduced fee for a lobster and crab fishing license for applicants 70 years of age or older.

LD 705 An Act Concerning Special Marine Resources Permits

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-258

SUMMARY

Current law makes no distinction between official state business and nonstate business with regard to the requirement to obtain a special license in order to be exempt from one or more marine resources laws. An example of a nonstate business would be a research project which involves catching certain species of fish outside of the permitted season to ascertain a specific piece of information. An example of state business being undertaken by Department of Marine Resources employees would be to fish for or take what would otherwise be an illegal product but which is suspected of being contaminated. This bill originally provided that activities of the Department of Marine Resources employees under instruction from the commissioner are not subject to the requirement to have a special license in order to be exempt from specific marine resources laws.

The committee amendment replaced the original bill and allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to issue special licenses, without advisory council approval, to employees of the department when acting in their official capacity. It also deletes the fee for the special license in those instances.