

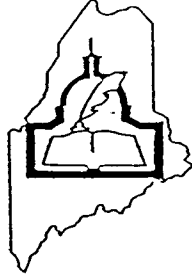
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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.

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41. repeals a provision in the law which requires that the owner of blueberry land obtain written approval prior to protecting blueberries from damage by deer. Removal of this section makes it clear that the protection of blueberry lands from damage by wild animals is consistent with the protection afforded to orchards and other growing crops, except grasses and grain fields;
42. repeals the sunset provision on departmental use of gill nets and requires an annual report on that use;
43. includes provisions adapted from the study by the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of the current ATV statutes, as required by the 113th Legislature, to reduce the age below which training is required to operate an ATV from 18 to 16 to be consistent with motor vehicle laws; establishes a minimum age of 10 for the operation of ATVs, which is consistent with the hunting laws; requires that new ATVs sold after January 1, 1991 have a 3 1/2" X 6" space for the display of registration numbers; makes the operation of an ATV by a person under 10 unlawful and makes it unlawful to permit the operation of an ATV by a person under 10; requires that new ATVs sold in Maine after January 1, 1991 have working brake lights; and makes it unlawful to operate an ATV on a marine sand beach;
44. removes a provision which requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reimburse the appropriate county for costs associated with imprisonment of persons convicted of fish and wildlife related violations; and
45. changes the effective date of Public Law 1989, chapter 52, concerning complimentary licenses for those who reach age 70 (LD 400) to avoid making those changes in the middle of a calendar year.

LD 1284 **An Act to Increase the Penalties for Selling Wild Birds or
Animals and Make Them Uniform**

PUBLIC 252

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ROTONDI	OTP-AM	H-252
SMITH		
JACQUES		
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SUMMARY

This bill standardizes the penalties for illegally buying or selling wild birds and wild animals.

The committee amendment makes it clear that the sale of plumage from lawfully taken birds is not illegal and retains the current penalties for illegally selling fish, but raises the additional fine for illegal possession of fish from \$5 per fish to \$20 per fish.