

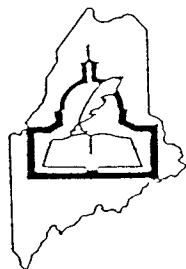
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
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ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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GREENLAW**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1012

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended (H-1012), amends the fish and wildlife laws as follows:

IN PART A:

1. It updates language pertaining to the preparation of warden service operating procedures.
2. It makes it clear that wild birds, as well as wild animals, may be taken by bow and arrow during the open season.
3. It restores a provision repealed in 1987 that allows archery hunters to carry a handgun while hunting with bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer. It also makes it clear that any person who carries a handgun while hunting with bow and arrow during the special season must possess both an archery license and a regular hunting license.
4. It amends existing law to establish a uniform annual fee for the issuance of a Maine guide's license for residents, nonresidents and aliens.
5. It makes it clear that employees of a licensed hide dealer may, without a license, aid or assist in buying raw hides, but only at the licensee's fixed business establishment.
6. It establishes prohibited acts for recently enacted laws pertaining to the licensing and conduct of guides.
7. It changes from January 15th to February 1st the deadline by which the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must announce a decision to shorten the bear hunting season.
8. It sets up the same statutory criteria for establishing and closing bear registration stations as currently exist for deer registration stations.
9. It creates a prohibited act for illegally presenting a bear for registration, but does not require the hunter to present the rib cage or viscera of the bear for proper registration.
10. It removes redundant language pertaining to regulations on reclaimed ponds.
11. It makes it clear that the body of water that constitutes the Dry Pond Sanctuary in Gray appears on maps and is known locally as both Dry Pond and Crystal Lake.
12. It increases from \$100 to \$300 the amount of property damage that must occur before a boating, snowmobile, or ATV accident must be reported to a law enforcement officer.
13. It makes it clear that the fee for snowmobile or ATV dealer plates is an annual fee.
14. It amends the dog training laws to allow training of dogs on wild birds and wild animals on Sundays and makes it lawful to train dogs on bear during the month of August in northern Washington County and northern Hancock County.

IN PART B:

1. It amends the definition of "trap" to address both the trapping implement itself and the act of using the trapping implement. The amendment also makes it clear that killing an animal in a trap constitutes trapping and requires a trapping license.
2. It establishes clearly that any person whose bait dealer's license has been revoked is prohibited from assisting another bait dealer in selling or transporting live baitfish and smelts.
3. It allows guide license applicants to receive the required first aid training from sources other than the Red Cross provided that the training meets the criteria established by the commissioner through the rule-making process.
4. It removes the term "long bow" from the list of legal hunting methods and substitutes the term "hand-held bow," to account for the use of compound bows.
5. It changes the frequency a trapper must visit killer or drowning traps in the unorganized territory from 3 days to 5 days.
6. It prohibits a person who traps a bear from allowing another person to kill and register that animal.
7. It extends the open water fishing season one extra day, if September 30th falls on a Saturday, to allow for a full weekend of fishing at the end of the season.
8. It removes a provision from the boating laws that currently prohibits a motorboat owner from transferring the registration from one boat to another unless there are at least 6 months of unexpired time on the old registration. This law was enacted when a motorboat registration was valid for 3 years. Now that a registration is valid for only one year, this provision is no longer appropriate.
9. It prohibits unlawful operation of a watercraft in the water safety zone.
10. It amends the current law concerning the unlawful operation of a snowmobile by prohibiting snowmobiles from crossing railroad tracks after having been forbidden to cross the railroad tracks or in an area that is conspicuously posted to prohibit such crossings. This amendment conforms to changes recently enacted in the ATV law.
11. It expands the existing law to establish that certification of any license-related record maintained within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is admissible as evidence in court. The current law provides that department certification of watercraft-related records maintained by the Division of Licensing and Registration is admissible as evidence in court.

IN PART C:

Part C of the amendment establishes a licensing board for taxidermists.