

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1991**

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

days prior to the regular deer hunting season. The committee amendment (S-65) requires that the commissioner by rule establish a special archery season beginning at least 30 days prior to the regular season and extending to the beginning of the regular season. This amendment is designed to ensure that the opening of the special season for archery is not delayed past the existing October 1st opening date on those years when 30 days prior to the regular season falls on a date later than October 1st.

**LD 124      An Act Relating to Archery Hunting Licenses      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require any person 16 years of age or older who hunts any wild animal or wild bird by bow and arrow during any open season on that animal or bird to possess a valid archery hunting license.

**LD 148      An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Failure to Wear a Flotation Device      PUBLIC 28 EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HASTINGS TWITCHELL CARROLL J	OTP-AM	H-25

**SUMMARY**

Current law requires all persons to wear a flotation device when kayaking or canoeing on the Saco River between January 1st and June 1st. This bill proposed to extend that requirement to kayaking or canoeing on any of the waters of the State during that time period. The committee amendment (H-25) instead limits the applicability of the flotation device requirement to the most dangerous waters of the Saco River, those below the Hiram Dam. This bill was a companion bill to LD 149. (See LD 149.)

**LD 149      An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Operation of a Watercraft      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HASTINGS TWITCHELL CARROLL J	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

Current law requires wearing flotation devices when kayaking or canoeing on the Saco River between January 1st and June 1st. This bill proposed to repeal that requirement. This bill was a companion bill to LD 148. The attempt was to offer two approaches to the issue of requiring flotation devices: either eliminate it altogether, or expand it to apply State-wide.

**LD 229      An Act to Prohibit Jet Skis on Small Inland Lakes (By Request)      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make the following a Class E crime: operating or attempting to operate a personal

watercraft such as a jet ski on any lake or pond that has a surface area of less than 10 acres or any impoundment that has a surface area of less than 30 acres.

**LD 232 An Act Concerning Road Kills**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BRAWN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to make the Department of Public Safety responsible for cleaning dead animals off the State's highways.

**LD 235 An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLARK H  
DUFFY  
CARROLL J  
TWITCHELL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to makes the last day of the deer hunting season open to Maine residents only.

**LD 242 An Act to Ban Waterskiing on Certain Parts of the Saco River**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PENDLETON  
SUMMERS  
PLOURDE  
TWITCHELL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make ineffective any waiver to any Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rule prohibiting waterskiing on the Saco river between Route 1 and Skelton Dam and statutorily to prohibit waterskiing on that portion of the Saco River.

**LD 372 An Act to Correct the Registration of the Thorncrag, Davis and Woodbury Sanctuaries of the Stanton Bird Club with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**PUBLIC 98**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GAUVREAU  
BERUBE  
ST. ONGE  
ALIBERTI

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-50

**SUMMARY**

This bill corrects the description of the Thorncrag-Stanton and Woodbury Sanctuary. The committee amendment (S-50) makes further corrections in the description.