

# 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  
MARINE RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 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.

**LD 422****An Act to Protect Scuba Divers and Boaters****ONTP****SPONSOR(S)**MANNING  
MILLS  
LAWRENCE**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require divers to use a flag to mark the area in which diving occurs. It would have prohibited watercraft operators from traveling within a 150-foot radius of the flag. The bill provided a forfeiture of \$50 for a diver who did not display a flag or who failed to stay within a 150-foot radius of the flag and a forfeiture of \$100 for watercraft operators who traveled within a 150-foot radius of the flag.

**LD 464****An Act to Require Labeling of Maine Finfish Produced by Aquaculture****LV/WD****SPONSOR(S)**HOLT  
VOSE  
MARSH**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposed labeling requirements for all aquaculture-produced finfish.

**LD 474****An Act to Create the Aquaculture Leasing Board****ONTP****SPONSOR(S)**MITCHELL J  
STEVENS P  
HOLT  
RUHLIN**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposed the establishment of a 5 member Aquaculture Leasing Board and would have transferred all existing aquaculture leasing authority from the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources to the Aquaculture Leasing Board.

**LD 476****An Act Concerning the Lobster Harvesting License Fee for Persons 70 Years of Age or Older****DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT****SPONSOR(S)**FARREN  
CARROLL J  
TOWNSEND  
VOSE**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-125

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to freeze the license fee for lobster licenses at \$53 for applicants 70 years of age or older who had held a lobster license for at least 5 years of the previous 10 years.