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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
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
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:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<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 451**An Act to Provide Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses to Members of the Armed Forces****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
 ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to provide a complimentary hunting, fishing and trapping license to active members of the United States Armed Forces. The bill also proposed to make gender-neutral and otherwise to update language concerning issuance of licenses to families of those members.

LD 475**An Act to Ensure That Wildlife Rehabilitators Are Reimbursed for Actual Costs****LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)
 MARSH
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 JACQUES
 CARROLL J

COMMITTEE REPORT
 LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop and implement a plan to reimburse persons who aid or rehabilitate injured wildlife for any actual costs incurred.

LD 477**An Act to Provide for Safer Hunting of Deer During the Firearms Season****PUBLIC 222**

SPONSOR(S)
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 MATTHEWS
 MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT
 OTP MAJ
 ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires a hunter to wear at least 2 articles of hunter orange clothing while hunting with a firearm during the open firearm season on deer.

LD 554**An Act Concerning Renewal of Hunting Licenses for Older Citizens****LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)
 WHITCOMB
 STEVENSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
 LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to make permanent hunting and fishing licenses issued to residents 70 years of age or older permanent. Currently, these licenses must be renewed every 2 years.