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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:

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 822

**An Act to Issue Doe Permits to Physically Disabled Persons
Upon Request from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HEINO
CARROLL J

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to provide for the issuance of a free antlerless deer permit to any disabled person who possesses a valid general hunting license.

LD 868

An Act Regarding Deer Hunting

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
BENNETT
GARLAND

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to allow a person who takes a deer during the special archery hunting season to take another deer during the regular deer hunting season. The bill provided that the possession of both deer so taken would not be a violation of the bag limit established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7458, subsection 1.

LD 965

**An Act to Require Hunters to Wear Fluorescent Orange in all
Hunting Seasons**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
CONLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require that hunters wear solid-colored orange clothing in all hunting seasons for any wildlife.

LD 1029

An Act to Ensure More Equitable Hunting Opportunities

PUBLIC 170

SPONSOR(S)
FARREN
CARROLL J

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-172

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by rule to extend the deer hunting season to the first Saturday in December in any year in which November 30th falls on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The committee amendment (H-172) requires that in any year in which the commissioner by rule extends the season into December, the commissioner must also adopt split seasons for northern and southern zones of the State. In those years, the season must be opened in the northern zone one week earlier than it is opened in the southern zone.