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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

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watercraft certain related prohibitions that presently only apply to operation or renting of motorboats. Revenues from the new watercraft registrations would have accrued to a Fund for Lake Services proposed to be established within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 1417 **An Act to Amend the Boundaries of the Back Bay Cove Sanctuary** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
REED G	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to extend the northeasterly boundary of the Back Bay Cove Sanctuary.

LD 1424 **An Act to Enhance the Trapping of Beaver** **PUBLIC 282**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TWITCHELL	OTP-AM	S-145

SUMMARY

This bill allows the use of snares for the trapping of beaver. It provides that any rules adopted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife which apply to the use of the so-called Conibear trap apply to the use of snares. The committee amendment (S-145) repeals these provisions on April 1, 1993.

LD 1445 **An Act Concerning Snowmobile Registration Fees** **PUBLIC 477
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK H PRAY COLLINS MORRISON	OTP-AM	H-522

SUMMARY

The bill proposed to increase annual snowmobile registration fees for Maine residents from \$16 to \$22 and establishes 2 separate levels of fees for nonresidents. The registration fee for nonresidents who have paid Maine sales and use tax for the snowmobile being registered would have been \$22; the fee for nonresidents that have registered their snowmobiles in other states would have been \$30. The registration for nonresidents whose snowmobile is registered in another state would have been limited so as to permit the operation of the snowmobile for a total of 30 days during the registration year. The bill allocates funds raised by increased registration fees to the Snowmobile Trail Fund. The bill proposed to eliminate reciprocity with other states and nations with regard to snowmobile registrations. The bill increases the annual dealer's number plate fee from \$5 to \$16. The bill allocates funds raised from this fee to the General Fund and the Snowmobile Trail Fund.

The committee amendment (H-522) establishes one snowmobile registration fee for residents and nonresidents alike of \$20 (a \$4 increase). The amendment adjusts provisions that credit funds raised by the registration fees to the Snowmobile Trail Fund to reflect the change in the fee structure. The amendment strikes the provision of the bill eliminating reciprocity. The amendment provides for reciprocity for residents of states, provinces, counties or districts which offer similar privileges to residents of this State. "Similar privileges" is defined to exclude states, provinces, counties or districts which charge a trail use fee for access to the trail system.