

# 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**

**AUGUST 1991**

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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.

**LD 1639**

**An Act to Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Persons Who Are Disabled Who Hold Valid Hunting Licenses**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TRACY  
KILKELLY  
JACQUES  
MATTHEWS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow any person who is disabled and who holds a valid hunting license to obtain an antlerless deer permit on request.

**LD 1666**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Hunting on Private Property**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CONSTANTINE  
CATHCART  
LEBOWITZ

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to prohibit any person from hunting on another's land without written permission of the landowner unless the property is owned by the State and open to hunting or is posted as open to hunting. This provision would not have applied to hunting in the unorganized territories. Municipalities would have been encouraged to make available maps showing areas open to hunting.

**LD 1784**

**An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws**

**PUBLIC 443**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ROTONDI  
SUMMERS  
MATTHEWS  
CARROLL J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-558

**SUMMARY**

This bill, known as the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife omnibus legislation, makes the following changes of law:

1. Adds the American eel to the statutory list of fish defined as "baitfish," making it clear that live American eels may legally be used, possessed and sold as bait for purposes of fishing;
2. Eliminates snowmobile, watercraft and all-terrain vehicle violations from being considered as part of a person's record in determining whether the person falls within the definition of an habitual violator of the fisheries and wildlife laws;
3. Current laws give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife responsibility for all inland fisheries and wildlife management in the State. The new language makes it clear that inland fisheries and wildlife related investigations conducted on behalf of the State, as well as the dissemination of information related to these investigations, fall within the purview of the commissioner's responsibility;