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**STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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strung, hung or otherwise suspended above the ground, any point of which is closer than 15 feet to the ground and under which a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle could potentially pass.

A violation of this provision would have been a Class E crime under the general penalties section of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 10.

LD 123

An Act to Amend the Archery Hunting Requirements

PUBLIC 24

SPONSOR(S)
CLARK

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-36

SUMMARY

This bill replaces and updates language in the fisheries and wildlife laws dealing with archery hunting licenses and associated restrictions.

The bill requires applicants for an adult archery hunting license to provide evidence of having previously held such a license or having satisfactorily completed an approved archery hunting education course. A person is no longer eligible to obtain an adult archery hunting license by virtue of having previously held a regular adult hunting license or having satisfactorily completed a regular hunter safety course.

The bill also establishes a prohibited act in the "prohibited implements" section of the general hunting laws making it clear that it is unlawful at any time to use or possess for purposes of hunting any arrow equipped with an explosive or poisonous tip. The current prohibition on these devices is addressed in the statutes only as a restriction or condition associated with an archery hunting license. The committee amendment (H-36) changes the effective date of the act to January 1, 1995 and makes certain technical corrections to the bill.

The bill would have required all persons 16 years of age or older to possess an adult archery hunting license in order to hunt with bow and arrow at any time during the year. It would no longer have been legal to hunt with bow and arrow outside the special archery season on deer with only a general hunting license. The committee amendment (H-36) struck this provision of the bill, preserving the status quo: an archery license is only required during the archery season.

LD 165

An Act to Authorize the Hunting of Bobwhite Quail

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish bobwhite quail as a game bird species in the State and allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a hunting season for bobwhite quail.

LD 179

An Act to Allow Hunting of Small Game Animals on Sundays

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LUTHER

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to allow the hunting of small game on Sundays during open seasons on small game.