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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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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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**LD 543 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Distance
Snowmobiles May Be Operated from Certain Buildings**

PUBLIC 129
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK	OTP-AM	H-200

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to allow municipalities to enact ordinances that allow persons operating snowmobiles to access places of business by traveling along a public way or operating within 200 feet of a dwelling, hospital, nursing home, convalescent home or church.

The committee amendment (H-200) replaces the bill. Under this amendment municipal officials, county commissioners and the Department of Transportation, within their respective jurisdictions, are granted the authority to establish snowmobile-access routes within the built-up portions of any town or township for the purpose of allowing snowmobiles to access places of business. Local law enforcement officials are given primary enforcement responsibility under this provision.

**LD 566 An Act to Allow Bow Hunters to Take Antlerless Deer During
the Open Firearms Season** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
AULT HALL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, upon receipt of appropriate application, to issue a permit to a person who possesses an archery hunting license allowing that person to take an antlerless deer with a bow and arrow during the open firearms season.

**LD 581 An Act to Require People Applying for the Moose Lottery to
Have Hunting Licenses** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GEAN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to amend the moose hunting laws to establish a permit system similar to the system now in use for antlerless deer permits. Under the revised system, a person would have been required to hold a valid hunting license in order to apply and would have been required to place the number of that hunting license on the permit application. (See LD 1025)

LD 612 An Act to Ensure Safe Hunting ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONSTANTINE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to prohibit hunting within 1,000 feet of places where people live or congregate on a regular and systematic basis.

This bill also would have made hunting without written permission a prohibited act under the fish and wildlife laws, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 702. Hunting without permission would have been defined as carrying a firearm or bow and arrow onto the property of another without written permission unless that property is owned by the State and open to hunting or is posted as open to hunting. Publishing permission in a local newspaper or annotating a property deed would also have constituted written permission. A person would not have been guilty of hunting without permission if that person lacked written permission but was hunting on land in unorganized territory. Municipalities would have been encouraged to make available to the public maps showing areas open to hunting.

LD 643 An Act to Restrict the Taking of Turtles and Snakes from the Wild for Export, Sale or Commercial Purposes PUBLIC 127

SPONSOR(S) NICKERSON	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-201
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SUMMARY

This bill brings the State into conformity with other northeastern states and is designed to prevent the detrimental exploitation of wild snakes and turtles. The bill prohibits taking or possessing snakes and turtles (except snapping turtles) from the wild for sale or commercial purposes.

The committee amendment (H-201) adds a fiscal note.

LD 644 An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Regulate the Hunting of Moose ONTP

SPONSOR(S) GREENLAW	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

Current law establishes the moose hunting district, season length and number of hunting permits as well as other requirements associated with hunting of moose. This bill proposed to give the commissioner the authority to determine the moose hunting district, season length and the number of moose permits issued. (See LD 1025)

LD 650 An Act to Establish Natural Resource Enhancement Laws for the Aroostook River ONTP

SPONSOR(S) RUHLIN KIEFFER ANDERSON	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill proposed to direct the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission, in cooperation with other state agencies and local sporting groups, to develop a management program to restore an anadromous fishery on the Aroostook River.