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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 1021 An Act to Change the Moose Hunting Laws

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BENNETT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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 to have held a valid hunting license in order to apply and would have had to place the number of that hunting license on the permit application. The bill also would have amended the period a person must wait before that person may apply for a moose permit from 2 years to 5 years. (See LD 1025)

LD 1025 An Act to Increase the Number of Moose Permits and Make Other Changes in the Moose Hunting Laws

PUBLIC 206

SPONSOR(S)
ROTONDI

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-284

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to increase the number of moose hunting permits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may issue annually from 1,000 to 1,500.

The committee amendment (H-284) strikes and replaces the bill.

Current law establishes the moose hunting district and authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue up to 1,000 moose permits annually. Under this amendment, the commissioner is authorized to establish the moose hunting districts and zones. The amendment also establishes a 3-year, phased-in increase in the number of moose permits that may be issued each year: up to 1,200 permits in 1994; up to 1,400 permits in 1995; and up to 1,500 permits in 1996 and beyond.

The amendment gives the bill an effective date of January 1, 1994.

LD 1047 An Act to Increase the Number of Moose Hunting Permits from 1,000 to 1,500

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
ANDERSON
PARADIS J

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue up to 1,500 moose hunting permits in 1993, 1994 and 1995 only. (See LD 1025)

LD 1091 An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Fisheries and Wildlife Matters

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to repeal the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides, the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists, the Junior Maine Guides and Trip Leaders Curriculum Advisory Board, and the Whitewater Advisory Committee (see LD 736).

This bill was submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J as well as other advisory boards and commissions with similar functions.

Pursuant to that law, the boards and commissions were grouped by the subject areas within the jurisdiction of each joint standing committee and each special select committee. This bill proposed to repeal those boards and commissions identified within the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 1126 An Act to Provide Additional Funding for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Atlantic Sea-Run Salmon Commission through Increased License Fees

PUBLIC 419

SPONSOR(S)
LUTHER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-248

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to raise the license fees for various hunting, trapping and fishing activities by 20%.

The committee amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The fee increases follow a general formula:

Resident: \$2 increase 1994 \$1 increase 1995 \$1 increase 1996

Nonresident: \$4 increase 1994 \$2 increase 1995 \$2 increase 1996

Alien: \$4 increase 1994 \$2 increase 1995 \$2 increase 1996

Nonres & Alien

Combination: \$8 increase 1994 \$4 increase 1995 \$4 increase 1996

Resident

Combination: \$4 increase 1994 \$2 increase 1995 \$2 increase 1996

Moose & Turkey

Application: No change

Several fees are increased once (in 1994). Junior licenses are increased only \$2.

Three nonresident fees are increased only \$2 in 1994, \$1 in 1995 and \$1 in 1996. The committee kept these increases at the general resident rate because they're already high and a greater increase could impact permit and license sales.