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BILL SUMMARIES
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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, 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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2. Strikes the portion of the bill requiring those who accompany young persons while hunting to meet certain hunting safety requirements;
3. Amends the provision of the bill proposing to require that persons licensed to deal in live smelts and baitfish make these fish available for inspection by any employee of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Under the amendment, the fish must be made available for inspection by wardens.
4. Permits the commissioner to establish by rule the length of the special muzzle-loading deer hunting season in 1995 and 1996, provided that the season may be no longer than 12 days in any part of the State;
5. Permits persons holding a valid trapping license to carry any legal firearm during the open trapping season for purposes of dispatching trapped animals. Current law permits only a .22 caliber firearm to be carried;
6. Requires that an applicant for a permit to import wildlife pay a \$25 application fee to cover the costs of processing the application;
7. Extends the period during which allocations are not required on the Penobscot River on Sundays. The commissioner is required to report on use of the Penobscot River during this extended period;
8. Amends the provision of the bill prohibiting the purchasing of smelts from persons not licensed to sell smelts. Under this amendment, the prohibition applies only to licensed bait dealers who purchase smelts from others who are not licensed to sell smelts;
9. Requires that persons who apply for moose permits designate at the time of application the name of the person whom the applicant authorizes as a subpermittee and the name of one alternate. This is designed to ensure that subpermittee rights are not sold after permits are issued;
10. Repeals language specifically authorizing agents of the department to trap beaver without consent of landowners;
11. Ensures that departmental funds that lapse at the end of the year are reappropriated to the department in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Constitution; and
12. Adds a fiscal note.

LD 1829

An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Award 5 Moose Hunting Permits through Public Auction to Fund Youth Conservation Education Programs

PUBLIC 577

SPONSOR(S)

HALL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-437

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to sell 5 moose hunting permits through public auction. Proceeds of the auction are required to be used for youth conservation education programs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-437), which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill. The allocation section allocates the funds to be raised by the moose hunting permits to the youth conservation education programs, as directed in the bill.

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