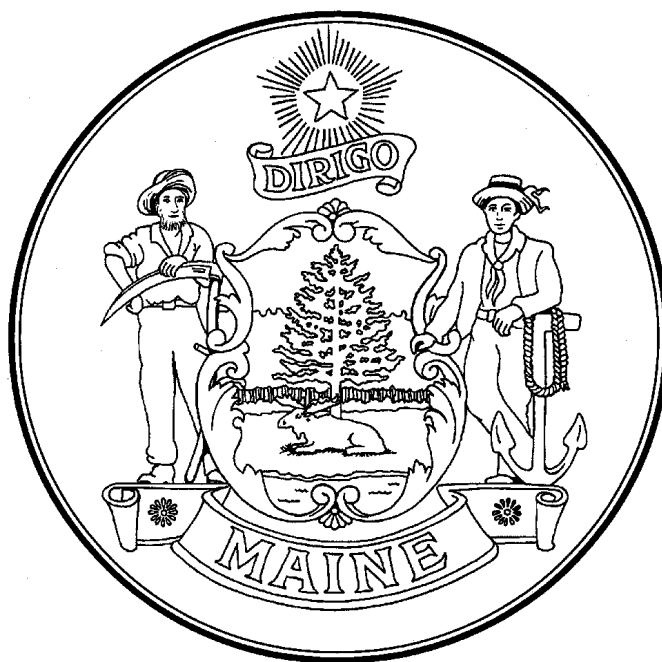


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**STATE OF MAINE  
117TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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

**JUNE 1996**

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**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees***  
***June 1996***

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

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

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

## Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**LD 384**      **Resolve, to Install Fish Screens in the West Grand Lake Dam**      ONTP

Sponsor(s)  
BAILEY

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 384 proposed to require that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife install a fish screen in the West Grand Lake Dam.

**LD 572**      **An Act to Transfer Regulatory Control of Whitewater Rafting to the Department of Conservation's Bureau of Parks and Recreation**      ONTP

Sponsor(s)  
ROTONDI

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 572 proposed to transfer from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the Department of Conservation all regulation of commercial whitewater rafting, except for the licensing of whitewater guides.

**LD 904**      **An Act to Increase the Penalties for Certain Crimes Involving Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**      PUBLIC 679  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)  
O'DEA

Committee Report  
OTP-AM    MAJ  
OTP-AM    MIN

Amendments Adopted  
S-477

LD 904 was originally referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice during the First Regular Session of the 117th, but was re-referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and carried over by that Committee for further consideration in the Second Regular Session.

LD 904 proposed to change the classification of crimes committed while hunting under the influence of alcohol or drugs and operating watercrafts, snowmobiles and ATV's under the influence of alcohol and drugs from Class E to Class D crimes and increase the types of drug and alcohol testing that may be used.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-477)** is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The amendment proposed to replace the bill and make the bill an emergency.