

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
117TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

AUGUST 1995

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated 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 enacted 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>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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**LD 720**

**An Act to Allow All Hunters to Hunt Deer on the 5th Saturday Preceding Thanksgiving**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HALL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed resident and nonresident deer hunters to begin hunting deer on the same day.

**LD 727**

**An Act to Deregulate the All-terrain Vehicle Market**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIBBY JD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have repealed the requirement that all-terrain vehicles be equipped with brake lights.

**LD 735**

**Resolve, to Put a Moratorium on the Introduction of Largemouth Bass into the State's Lakes**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JONES K

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have imposed a 6-year moratorium on the introduction of largemouth bass into Maine lakes. It also would have required the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a 6-year study on the effects of introducing large mouth bass into Maine lakes.

**LD 793**

**Resolve, to Encourage the Harvest of Coyotes**

RESOLVE 14

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CHICK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-194

**SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Department of Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a study to determine the impact that coyote have on deer.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-194) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 796**

**An Act to Require Firearm Hunters to Wear Blaze Orange**

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CHICK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Current law requires that individuals hunting with firearms during deer season wear hunter orange clothing. This bill would have extended that requirement to all hunting seasons, with exceptions for certain types of hunting.