

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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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 872**

**An Act to Allow Hunting on the First Sunday after the First Saturday of Hunting Season**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

CAMERON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP MAJ  
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**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have shortened the deer hunting season by one week and added the first Sunday after the first Saturday of hunting season as a day when hunting was permitted.

**LD 884**

**An Act to Ensure Equitable Participation in Special Deer Hunting Seasons**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

REED G

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that any special hunting seasons established by rule for the taking of deer be publicized in a general circulation newspaper at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the hunt. The bill also would have required that eligibility to participate in such a special hunting season be determined by a public chance drawing.

**LD 904**

**An Act to Increase the Penalties for Certain Crimes Involving Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**

O'DEA

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would change from Class E to Class D the crime of hunting or operating a watercraft, snowmobile or ATV under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**LD 925**

**An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish the Number of Moose Hunting Permits Issued**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

DONNELLY  
CLARK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to annually set the number of moose hunting permits.