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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 1038 An Act Ensuring Fairness in the Distribution of Hunting
Licenses by Allowing Out-of-state Landowners in Maine to
Pay Reduced Hunting License Fees** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WATERHOUSE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed a nonresident property tax payer to purchase a small game hunting license at reduced fee.

**LD 1057 An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Snowmobile Registration
Fees** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BENOIT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have increased the annual snowmobile registration fee to \$35.

**LD 1085 An Act to Reduce Fishing License Fees for Nonresidents Who
Pay Property Taxes** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BEGLEY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have reduced the fishing license fees for nonresident property tax payers.

LD 1102 An Act to Exempt Bows from the Firearms Discharge Ordinances PUBLIC 266

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES	OTP-AM	H-335

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits municipalities from including bows and arrows in any firearms discharge ordinances. The bill also would have required municipalities to remove bows and arrows from any current firearms discharge ordinances.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-335) removes the provision in the bill that requires municipalities to remove reference to bows and arrows from existing firearm ordinances.

LD 1112 An Act to Authorize a Multi-day Bass Tournament Permit PUBLIC 210

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TYLER	OTP-AM	H-253 H-351 UNDERWOOD

SUMMARY

This bill increases the allowable length of a bass tournament from one to 3 days.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-253) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-351) requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to notify a municipality of the receipt of an application to hold a multi-day bass tournament in that municipality. The intent is to give the municipality at least 10 days' notice.

LD 1119 An Act to Increase the Formula Used for ATV's and Snowmobile Reimbursement

PUBLIC 446

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK JACQUES	OTP-AM	H-297 S-370 STEVENS A

SUMMARY

This bill increases the percentage of gasoline tax available to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation's Snowmobile Trail Fund and to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from .5% to .75% of the total excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel sold within the State, not including internal combustion engine fuel used in the propulsion of aircraft. The increased funds will be used to provide additional grants to snowmobile clubs and municipalities for the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails.

This bill allocates .25% of the total excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel sold or used within the State, not including internal combustion fuel sold for use in the propulsion of aircraft, to the ATV Recreational Management Fund administered by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-297) adjusts the allocations to the Department of Conservation, includes appropriations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and strikes the provision in the bill that would have established a half-time position within the Department of Conservation. The appropriation is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2903-B, which requires that 10% of the allocations to the Snowmobile Trail Fund be directed to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-370) adjusts the allocations to the Department of Conservation.

LD 1131 Resolve, to Establish the Sportsmen Policing Our Ranks Together Program

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop the "Sportsmen Policing Our Ranks Together" program modeled after Pennsylvania's SPORT program.