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**STATE OF MAINE  
117TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
MARINE RESOURCES**

**JUNE 1996**

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***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.

**LD 1210**      **An Act to Protect Near-shore Groundfish Spawning Areas**      ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HARRIMAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1210 proposed to require that the Commissioner of Marine Resources adopt rules by January 1, 1996 that identify the time and location of cod, haddock and yellowtail flounder spawning in coastal waters. The bill proposed to prohibit all commercial harvesting of marine organisms in those spawning areas during the period those species are spawning.

**LD 1647**      **An Act to Increase the Number of Lobster Traps Allowed on Trawls in Hancock County**      ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PINKHAM	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1647 proposed to increase the number of lobster traps allowed on trawls in Hancock County from 3 to 10.

**LD 1649**      **An Act to Increase Penalties in the Sea Urchin Fishery**      ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RICE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1649 proposed to establish a minimum fine of \$500 for violations of laws pertaining to the sea urchin fishery.

**LD 1670**      **An Act to Permit Retired Marine Patrol Officers to Enter into Commercial Fishing**      ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POVICH	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1670 proposed to provide that a retired marine patrol officer may not be denied a license under the marine resources laws on the basis of a requirement that the officer possessed a license at some time in the past or on the basis that the officer owned and operated a boat or other equipment for the harvesting of a marine organism at some time in the past.