

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**STATE OF MAINE
117TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

JUNE 1996

MEMBERS:

Sen. Stephen E. Hall, Chair

Sen. R. Leo Kieffer

Sen. Michael H. Michaud

Rep. Ernest C. Greenlaw, Chair

Rep. Paul F. Jacques

Rep. Herbert E. Clark

Rep. Norman R. Paul

Rep. Jon M. Rosebush

Rep. Thomas M. Tyler

Rep. Robert L. Tufts

Rep. Howard A. Chick

Rep. Royce W. Perkins

Rep. John Underwood

Staff:

Patrick T. Norton, Principal Analyst

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

Room 101/107/135, 13 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

(207)287-1670



**Maine State Legislature
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

13 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0013
Telephone: (207) 287-1670
Fax: (207) 287-1275

**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 & 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 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 1393 **Resolve, to Standardize Certain Ice Fishing and Open Water Fishing Rules** ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> UNDERWOOD	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
--------------------------------	---------------------------------	---------------------------

LD 1383 proposed to direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to standardize certain rules for both ice fishing and open water fishing.

LD 1645 **An Act to Revise Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws** PUBLIC 667
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HALL	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-813 S-485 S-576
---------------------------	-----------------------------------	--

LD 1645 proposed was the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's "Omnibus" bill and proposed a series of changes to the fish and wildlife laws of the State.
Committee Amendment "A" (S-485) proposed to change many of the provisions in the original bill and add several others..

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-804), which was not adopted, proposed to remove that section of the committee amendment that proposed to increase the examination fee for a guide license from \$10 to \$100.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-813) proposed to require that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appoints the warden or retired warden member of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Whitewater Guides and that the public members of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Whitewater Guides hold 3-year terms.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-576) proposed to eliminate the authorization for retroactive payments to members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council and establishes a July 1, 1996 effective date for a per diem increase for council members.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 667, does the following:

Authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to sell or lease video tapes and sell merchandise and use those proceeds for any purpose within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, except the department's magazine;

Allows any member of the United States Armed Forces to buy a trapping, fishing, hunting or combination license at any agency;

Encourages landowners who prohibit access to their land without permission to post their land with signs that include the name and address of the person to contact to obtain permission;