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**STATE OF MAINE
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

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. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

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:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HALL	OTP-AM	S-177

LD 26 proposed to clarify that any type of stand, including stands constructed with nails, could be built with landowner permission; proposed to remove the requirement that hunters must have landowner permission to use portable tree stands; and proposed to remove the requirement that all tree stands must be taken down within 10 days of the end of the season.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-177) proposed to remove a provision from the bill that allowed a hunter to erect and use a portable tree stand without the permission of the landowner. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 243 allows tree stands and tree ladders to be constructed with the permission of the landowner.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G	OTP-AM	H-318

LD 53 proposed to allow a person who killed a deer during the special archery season for deer to hunt and kill a 2nd deer with a firearm during the regular firearm season for deer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-318) proposed to replace the bill, change the title of the bill and make the bill an emergency.

The amendment proposed to repeal the expanded archery deer hunting season on April 1, 1999, allowing that season to occur only in 1997 and 1998, unless further action is taken by the Legislature.

The amendment also proposed to allow a person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to hunt with a bow and arrow during the expanded archery deer hunting season under the existing junior hunting license.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 471 amends the expanded archery deer hunting season on created in Part I of PL 1997, c. 24. This law repeals allows that season to occur only in 1997 and 1998, unless further action is taken by the Legislature. It also allows a person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to hunt with a bow and arrow during the expanded archery deer hunting season under the existing junior hunting license. This law is effective on June 11, 1997.