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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**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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LD 395

An Act Dealing with the Registration of Snowmobiles by Nonresidents

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
BENOIT

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 395 proposed to reduce to \$20 the snowmobile registration fee paid by a nonresident who owns real estate in this State.

LD 404

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Snowmobile Registration

PUBLIC 227

Sponsor(s)
KIEFFER
UNDERWOOD

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-175

LD 404 proposed to define an antique snowmobile as a snowmobile more than 25 years old that is primarily used in exhibition, parades and other events of interest to the public and not used primarily for recreational or commercial purposes, to create a one-time registration fee of \$30 for antique snowmobiles and to allow that registration to be transferred to a new owner for a transfer fee of \$10.

The bill also proposed to exempts owners of antique snowmobiles from the requirement that they display their registration numbers on their snowmobile and restrict the reciprocity provisions of law pertaining to snowmobiles to states, provinces and countries sharing a common border with Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175) proposed to clarify that the antique snowmobile registration applies only to residents and to make the \$30 antique snowmobile registration fee proposed in the bill valid until the ownership of the snowmobile is transferred to another person. Upon the transfer of ownership, the new owner may reregister the snowmobile as an antique snowmobile by paying another \$30 antique snowmobile registration fee.

The amendment also proposed to allocate the antique snowmobile registration fee in the same manner as regular resident snowmobile registration fees are allocated and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 227 allows a resident of the State to register a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old as an antique snowmobile for a one-time fee of \$30. An antique snowmobile registration allows that machine to be used primarily for exhibition, parades and other events of interest to the public and not for recreational or commercial purposes. This law also exempts owners of antique snowmobiles from the requirement that they display their registration numbers on their snowmobile and restrict the reciprocity provisions of law pertaining to snowmobiles to states, provinces and countries sharing a common border with Maine.