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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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](http://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  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*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 September 18, 1999.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 39 proposed to amend the twilight hunting law to allow hunting until 15 minutes after sunset.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 457 revises the twilight hunting law to allow hunting until 15 minutes after sunset

**LD 40                      An Act to Allow the Use of Camouflage Hunter Orange Clothing                      ONTP**

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

LD 40 proposed to reduce the requirement to wear at least two articles of solid-colored hunter orange clothing to one article of clothing that is at least 50% hunter orange.

**LD 60                      An Act to Permit the Sale of Moose Bones                      PUBLIC 9  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER CAREY	OTP	

LD 60 proposed to allow the sale of moose bones.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 9 allows the sale of moose bones.

Chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 11, 1999.

**LD 66                      An Act to Establish Licensing Requirements for Boat Operators                      ONTP**

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

LD 66 proposed to establish licensing requirements for persons operating watercraft.

**LD 83                      An Act to Restrict Large Motors on Small Lakes                      ONTP**

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

LD 83 proposed to prohibit operation of a boat with an engine of more than 10 horsepower on a body of water of 10 acres or less in area.

**LD 106                      An Act to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Personal Watercraft                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK KIEFFER	ONTP      MAJ OTP      MIN	

LD 106 proposed to repeal the laws relating to personal watercraft that were passed by the 118th Legislature in the Second Special Session.

**LD 110                      An Act to Allow the Use of All-terrain Vehicles on the Extreme Right of a Public Way                      PUBLIC 310  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND KIEFFER	OTP-AM	H-511

LD 110 proposed to allow the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way within the built-up portion of a municipality, unorganized or incorporated township if the appropriate governmental unit has designated the public way as an ATV-access route.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-511)** proposed to allow the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way in any part of a municipality, if the way has been designated as an ATV-access route. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 310 allows the operation of ATV's on the extreme right of a public way within any part of a municipality, unorganized or incorporated township if the appropriate governmental unit has designated the public way as an ATV-access route.

Chapter 310 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

**LD 126                      An Act to Expand Maine's Moose Hunt                      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER CLARK		