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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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

**JULY 2000**

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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  
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**LD 8**                                      **An Act to Allow Hunting from Motor Vehicles for Persons Limited in Their Ability to Walk**                                      **ONTP**

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

LD 8 proposed to allow any person limited in the ability to walk by arthritis or similar health conditions to hunt from motor vehicles that are not in motion.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-546)**, the minority amendment of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed to amend the bill by changing the word "hunt" to "shoot" and by adding a requirement that the physician who certifies that a person is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition must be a physician who specializes in the area of that person's disability.

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

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

LD 126 gives the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to issue up to 3,000 moose permits per year beginning in 1999 and further allows moose lottery permittees to name subpermittees at the time that the permit is issued.

**LD 310**                                      **An Act to Allow Children to Fish from Shore with a Single Baited Hook and Line on Certain Portions of the Aroostook River**                                      **PUBLIC 642  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KIEFFER DUNLAP	OTP-AM	S-551

LD 310 proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to list in its special fishing rules all rivers or river segments identified as quality fishing rivers. The bill also proposed to open those quality fishing rivers to fishing during the open fishing season by children under 12 years of age who fish from the bank, using a single baited hook and line.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-551)** proposed to replace the bill and to allows children 12 years of age and younger to fish from shore with a single baited hook and line during the open water fishing season on certain areas of the Aroostook River and its tributaries in Caribou and Fort Fairfield.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 642 allows children 12 years of age or younger to fish from shore with a single baited hook and line during the open water fishing season on certain areas of the Aroostook River and its tributaries in Caribou and Fort Fairfield.

Public Law 1999, chapter 642 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2000.

**LD 343                      An Act to Protect Deer in Wintering Areas                      ONTP**

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

LD 343 proposed to appropriate an additional \$20,000 annually to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the coyote control program to be used to pay experienced trappers to catch coyotes in areas of the State where coyote predation in deer wintering areas is limiting the department's effort to rebuild the deer herd.

**LD 371                      An Act to Allow A Disabled Person to Use a Crossbow during Archery Hunting Season                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK DAVIS P	ONTP	

LD 371 proposed to allow a disabled person to use a crossbow during archery hunting season.

**LD 481                      An Act to Keep Public Lands Open to Hunting, Fishing and Trapping                      ONTP**

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

LD 481 proposed to allow hunting, fishing and trapping on all nonreserved public lands, reserved public lands and undeveloped areas within state parks.