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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
ONT P.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OT P ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OT P 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>
KIEFFER DUNLAP		

LD 310 proposes that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife list in its special fishing rules all rivers or river segments identified as quality fishing rivers. The bill proposes to require those rivers to be listed together and in one location in that rule book. Regardless of any other special regulations adopted by the department, the bill also proposes 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.

**LD 325                      An Act to Change the Time of the Moose Hunting Season                      ONTP**

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

LD 325 proposed to require the moose hunting season to occur during the third week of October.

**LD 326                      An Act to Allow a Person Who Possesses an Archery Hunting License to Shoot a Deer During the Regular Hunting Season                      ONTP**

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

LD 326 proposed to allow a person who has killed a deer during the special archery season for deer to kill a second deer with a firearm during the regular firearm season for deer.

**LD 334                      An Act to Remove the Prohibition against Carrying a Loaded Hunting Weapon in a Motor Vehicle                      ONTP**

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

LD 334 proposed to allow a licensed or otherwise authorized hunter or trapper to carry a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle without a concealed weapons permit.

**LD 336                      An Act Regarding Exhibition of Licenses from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife                      PUBLIC 220**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRUE	OTP-AM MAJ	H-283
RUHLIN	ONTP MIN	

LD 336 proposed to require a person holding a license or permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to keep that license or permit on that person's person while engaged in the licensed activity or while transporting fish, wild animals or wild birds. The bill also proposed to require the person to exhibit that license or permit upon request to a warden or other law enforcement officer, an employee of the department or the owner of the land on which the licensed activity is taking place.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-283)** proposed to clarify that a hunting or fishing license must be exhibited for inspection and also proposed to allow registered Maine guides to inspect hunting or fishing licenses.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 220 requires a person holding a license or permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to keep that license or permit on that person's person while engaged in the licensed activity or while transporting fish, wild animals or wild birds. The law also requires the person to exhibit that license or permit upon request to a warden or other law enforcement officer, a registered Maine guide, an employee of the department or the owner of the land on which the licensed activity is taking place.

**LD 341                      An Act to Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Sell Hunting and Fishing Licenses                      PUBLIC 168**

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

LD 341 proposed to increase the fee from \$1 to \$2 that agents and clerks appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife charge for hunting and fishing licenses.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 168 increases the fee from \$1 to \$2 that agents and clerks appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife charge for hunting and fishing licenses

**LD 343                      An Act to Protect Deer in Wintering Areas                      CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 343 proposes to appropriate an additional \$20,000 annually to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the coyote control program 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.