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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.

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

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

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

**LD 374**                      **An Act to Enhance the Marketing and Promotion Capabilities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**                      **PUBLIC 447**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY BRYANT	OTP-AM	S-70

LD 374 proposed to do the following 3 things to improve and enhance the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's authority to market and promote department programs.

1. Allow the commissioner to reduce the price of certain types of licenses for specified periods of time to promote license sales for hunting and fishing.
2. Allows the commissioner to accept donations in support of specific programs.
3. Set up dedicated accounts for these programs.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)** proposed to clarify that donations and funds from sale of general merchandise may be deposited into a dedicated account. In addition, the amendment proposed to add language to repeal the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7035, subsections 16-A and 19, effective April 1, 2001 and requires that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report back by January 15, 2001 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the impact of this account on promotional activities.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 447 allow the commissioner to reduce the price of certain types of licenses for specified periods of time to promote license sales for hunting and fishing. The law also allows the commissioner to accept donations in support of specific programs and sets up dedicated accounts for these programs. The law clarifies that donations and funds from sale of general merchandise may be deposited into the dedicated accounts. The law regarding the dedicated account is repealed April 1, 2001. The law requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife report back by January 15, 2001 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the impact of this account on promotional activities.

**LD 392**                      **An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting on Land Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 392 proposed to allow hunting on Sundays throughout land under the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission for small game, upland birds, wild ducks and wild geese.

**LD 393                      An Act to Redefine Hunting                      PUBLIC 147**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	OTP-AM	H-206

LD 393 proposed to change the definition of hunting.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-206)** proposed to make further changes to the definition of hunting.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 147 changes the definition of hunting to mean to pursue, catch, take, kill or harvest wild birds or animals or to attempt to catch, take, kill or harvest wild birds or animals.

**LD 394                      An Act Regarding Hunting Implements                      PUBLIC 53**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP MICHAUD	OTP	

LD 394 proposed to repeal the prohibition on the use of swivels and pivots during hunting.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 53 repeals the prohibition on the use of swivels and pivots during hunting.

**LD 397                      An Act to Allow Free Access to Waters Stocked With Fish by the State                      ONTP**

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

LD 397 proposed that fish or fish spawn raised by the State may not be introduced into any inland waters unless free access to the public is available whenever these waters are open to fishing pursuant to law.

**LD 401                      An Act to Promote the Hunters for the Hungry Program                      ONTP**