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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>
CHICK FERGUSON	ONTP	

LD 401 proposed to allow hunting license applicants to voluntarily contribute \$1 to the Hunters for the Hungry Program.

**LD 402**                      **An Act to Establish a Fishing Rules Policy**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 402 proposed to prioritize the guidelines that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must follow to protect fish populations.

**LD 404**                      **An Act Regarding Shooting Over or From a Public Paved Way**                      **PUBLIC 219**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROSS FERGUSON	OTP-AM	H-287

LD 404 proposed to change the current prohibition on hunting wild birds and wild animals from a public paved way to a prohibition on shooting at wild birds and wild animals from a paved way.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-287)** proposed to change the prohibition of shooting across a public way to shooting.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 219 LD 404 changes the current prohibition on hunting wild birds and wild animals from a public paved way to a prohibition on shooting at wild birds and wild animals from over a public paved way.

**LD 419**                      **An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Turkey Hunting**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 419 proposed to require applicants for turkey hunting permits to possess a valid Maine big game hunting license prior to applying and increases the application fee for residents, nonresidents and aliens. The proposed change would not take effect until November 30, 1999 for the turkey season beginning the first weekday in May 2000. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**LD 430                      An Act to Limit the Taking of Antlerless Deer by Property Owners                      ONTP**

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

LD 430 proposed that a landowner who keeps land open to hunting by the public may submit applications for only two hunters per parcel of land for purposes of the antlerless deer permit system.

**LD 446                      An Act to Amend the Application Process for the Moose Lottery                      ONTP**

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

LD 446 proposed to repeal the provisions of law that allow a person to purchase more than one chance in the moose lottery.

**LD 450                      An Act to Allow Hunters to Kill a 2nd Deer during the Muzzle-loading Season                      ONTP**

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

LD 450 proposed to allow a person who has killed a deer during the regular deer hunting season to kill a second deer with a muzzle-loading firearm during the muzzle-loading hunting season for deer.

**LD 465                      Resolve, to Permit the Maine Warden Service to Return a Donated All-terrain Vehicle to the Donor                      RESOLVE 8**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL RUHLIN	OTP	

LD 465 proposed to allow the Maine Warden Service to return to Carolyn Bidwell the all-terrain vehicle she donated to the service in May 1991.

*Enacted law summary*