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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

JULY 1999

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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).

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.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-224) proposed to require noncommercial whitewater rafting clubs to submit annual lists of dues-paying members between April 1st and November 1st.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 153 requires noncommercial whitewater rafting clubs to submit only annual lists of dues-paying members to submit annual lists of dues-paying members between April 1st and November 1st and eliminates the requirement that only members whose names appear on the lists may participate in rafting trips. The law also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with regard to the impact of this legislation and safety and overcrowding concerns.

LD 604

An Act to Allow Maine Residents Over 70 Years of Age to Obtain Any Deer Permit

ONTP

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

LD 604 proposed to allow residents 70 years of age and older to obtain an any-deer permit.

LD 612

An Act Regarding Juvenile Hunters

PUBLIC 134

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

LD 612 proposed to require that an adult other than the parent or guardian accompanying a juvenile hunter must possess a hunting license or have completed a hunter safety course acceptable to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 134 requires that an adult other than the parent or guardian accompanying a juvenile hunter must possess a hunting license or have completed a hunter safety course acceptable to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.