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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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**LD 730****An Act to Allow Certain Disabled Persons to Fly-fish With Any Type of Rod and Reel****PUBLIC 632**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY R	OTP-AM	H-887

LD 730 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules permitting a physically disabled person to fly-fish with an open-faced reel if that disability would prevent that person from fly-fishing without the use of this type of reel.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-887)** proposed to replace the bill and to allow a person who possesses a valid fishing license and has suffered the physical loss of an arm to use any type of rod and reel to fish with a fly on waters open to fly-fishing. The amendment defined the term "loss of an arm" to mean the physical loss of the arm above the wrist.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 632 allows a person who possesses a valid fishing license and has suffered the physical loss of an arm to use any type of rod and reel to fish with a fly on waters open to fly-fishing. The term "loss of an arm" means the physical loss of the arm above the wrist.

**LD 846****An Act to Allow Elderly License Holders and Children to Fish by Any Method****ONTP**

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

LD 846 proposed to allow elderly license holders and children to take fish by any method.

**LD 971****An Act to Allow Three Hunters to Hunt Deer Together****PUBLIC 588**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-799

LD 971 allows 3 hunters to hunt deer together without being guilty of driving deer.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-799)**, the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, amends the bill by clarifying that 3 or fewer persons may hunt together without being guilty of driving deer, provided that they do not use noisemaking devices.

***Enacted law summary***