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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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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.

LD 751**An Act to Amend the Moose Hunting Laws****PUBLIC 324
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 751 proposed to allow a person who is less than the eligible age for obtaining a moose hunting permit to apply for a permit provided that person reaches the eligible age by the opening of the moose season.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 324 allows a person who is less than the eligible age to apply for a permit, provided that person reaches the eligible age by the opening of the moose season.
Chapter 324 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 1999.

LD 771**An Act to Allow Deer Hunting on Sundays****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STANLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 771 proposed to allow deer hunting on Sundays during the open deer season.

LD 775**An Act to Revise Hunting and Fishing License Revocation Laws****PUBLIC 320**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRUE CAREY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 775 proposed to repeal mandatory hunting and fishing license suspensions for abuse of property while hunting and fishing.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 320 repeals mandatory hunting and fishing license suspensions for abuse of property while hunting and fishing.

LD 780**An Act to Allow Hunters to Carry and Use a Standard-size Flashlight****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRACY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 780 proposed to clarify that a hunter may carry and use a flashlight without being guilty of night hunting.