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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>
SHOREY	ONTP	

LD 1030 proposed to establish an annual season for hunting coyotes by snare that runs from December 1st to March 31st. It proposed to allow a person to utilize an unlimited number of snares to hunt coyote.

**LD 1052                      An Act to Assist Disabled Fly-fishing Anglers                      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J		

LD 1052 proposes to allow a person with a disability to utilize a spin-casting reel and rod and an artificial fly when fishing in waters designated as fly-fishing-only waters.

**LD 1072                      An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Antique Snowmobile Registration                      ONTP**

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

LD 1072 proposed to clarify that a snowmobile registered as an antique snowmobile may be used for occasional personal use and is not be used for commercial purposes. The language of this bill was included in LD 2088, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Omnibus bill.

**LD 1086                      An Act to Improve Snowmobile Trail Grooming                      INDEF PP**

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

LD 1086 proposed to allow the Department of Conservation’s Snowmobile Fund to be used for grants to snowmobile clubs, municipalities and counties for the purchase of snowmobile trail maintenance equipment. The bill also proposed to appropriate \$500,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to the Snowmobile Trail Fund specifically for such grants.

**LD 1103                      An Act to Lower the September Bowhunting License Fee                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G CAREY	ONTP	

LD 1103 proposed to reduce the expanded archery deer hunting license fee from \$40 to \$20 for a resident and from \$80 to \$40 for a nonresident. The bill also proposed to remove language that repealed the laws governing the expanded archery deer hunting season on April 1, 1999.

**LD 1108                      An Act to Create the Home Port Rule                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1108 proposed to allow a person to operate a personal watercraft on a body of water on which use of personal watercraft is otherwise banned if the person owns land on the shore of that body of water and if the person owns the personal watercraft.

**LD 1150                      An Act to Amend the Moose Hunting Laws                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SIROIS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1150 proposed to allow a moose hunting permit holder to take either one male moose or two female moose.

**LD 1175                      An Act to Create a 2-year Moratorium on the "Bucks Only" Restriction  
Imposed on Deer Hunters                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KASPRZAK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1175 proposed to allow a person to kill a male deer or female deer during the deer hunting seasons in calendar years 1999 and 2000.

**LD 1195                      An Act to Create Accountability in the Management of Trout and  
Salmon in Maine                      PUBLIC 326**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KIEFFER DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-252
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LD 1195 proposed to make any rule that affects the management of brook trout or landlocked salmon a major substantive rule under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The bill also proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to include in its submission to the Legislature documentation on at least two years of prior research by qualified fisheries biologists demonstrating the need for the proposed change.