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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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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 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.