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**STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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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).

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 1830**An Act to Provide Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Persons on Active Military Duty and Low-cost Licenses to Their Families**

ONTP

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

LD 1830 proposed to provide a complimentary hunting and fishing license to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty whose home of record is Maine and to allow that person's family members to purchase that license for \$15, plus the issuing fee.

LD 1904**Resolve, to Study Issues Related to the Muzzle-loading Season**

ONTP

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

LD 1904 proposed to authorize a study within existing resources of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to address various issues relating to the muzzle-loading season.

LD 2274**An Act to Clarify the Authority of Maine Game Wardens to Stop Motor Vehicles****DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

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

LD 2274 proposed to repeal a sunset on a provision of law allowing game wardens to stop vehicles if it is necessary to protect a person from the threat of death or personal injury.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-800) was the majority report of the committee and proposed to clarify that, while game wardens have the same powers as sheriffs, including the authority to stop a motor vehicle if there is a reasonable and articulable suspicion of a violation of law or to protect public safety, game wardens' primary responsibilities lie in the enforcement of laws protecting fish and wildlife.

Although this bill died between houses, a bill submitted by the Governor (see summary for LD 2691) addressing this issue was enacted as Public Law of 1999, chapter 738.