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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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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).

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.

appropriation for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the commission and other expenses of the commission, including expenses for meeting notices and printing of the required report.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-778)** proposed to strike and replace the bill and to clarify the appointment of members to the study commission.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 131 creates the 15-member Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft. The duties of the commission are to undertake a comprehensive effort to collect and analyze all existing data regarding the amount and type of fuel purchased for and consumed within this State by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and motorboats and of fuel purchased in this State for those vehicles and consumed outside the jurisdiction of this State. The commission is required to submit its report, along with any implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than November 1, 2000.

Resolve 1999, chapter 131 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 10, 2000.

**LD 2670**

**An Act Regarding Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

**PUBLIC 690  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1064 DUNLAP
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LD 2670 is reported out unanimously by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to House Paper 1866.

The bill proposed to make lifetime hunting and fishing licenses available in January of 2001 for residents from 6 to 15 years of age, inclusive. The bill also proposed a sliding scale fee for the existing senior lifetime licenses and clarifies that persons 70 years of age or older remain entitled to a complimentary lifetime hunting and fishing license.

The bill also proposed that adult lifetime hunting and fishing licenses be available in January of 2006 for persons from 16 to 64 years of age and requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit its recommendations for a fee structure for such licenses to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters in January of 2005. That committee may then report out a bill to the first regular session of the 122nd Legislature to implement a fee structure for the adult lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

**House Amendment "A" (H-1064)** proposed to strike the appropriation section and revise the fiscal note.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law, chapter 690, makes lifetime hunting and fishing licenses available in January of 2001 for residents from 6 to 15 years of age, inclusive, creates a sliding scale fee for the existing senior lifetime licenses and clarifies that persons 70 years of age or older remain entitled to a complimentary lifetime hunting and fishing license.

This law also establishes that adult lifetime hunting and fishing licenses be available in January of 2006 for persons from 16 to 64 years of age and requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife submit its recommendations for a fee structure for such licenses to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters in January of 2005. That committee may then report out a bill to the first regular session of the 122nd Legislature to implement a fee structure for the adult lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

Public Law, chapter 690 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2000.

**LD 2671**

**An Act to Implement Municipal Recommendations Regarding  
Surface Water Use on Great Ponds**

**PUBLIC 697  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
S-639 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 2671 was reported out by a majority of the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to House Paper 1840.

This bill proposed to implement municipal recommendations regarding surface water use on great ponds (see enacted law summary for details).

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-1030)**, the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, proposed the same measures as did the majority report except that it proposed to remove from the bill surface water use recommendations on 11 great ponds that were rejected by the subcommittee that reviewed the initial recommendations but were subsequently included in the bill by a majority vote of the committee.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-639)** proposed to prohibit the operation of personal watercraft on Some Pond, Long Pond and Little Long Pond.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 697 prohibits the operation of personal watercraft on Megunticook Lake in the Town of Camden, the Town of Hope and the Town of Lincolnville; on Hobbs Pond, Fish Pond and Alford Lake in the Town of Hope; on Norton Pond and Coleman Pond in the Town of Lincolnville; on Pitcher Pond in the Town of Lincolnville and the Town of Northport; on Torsey Lake in the Town of Mount Vernon and the Town of Readfield; on Trickey Pond in the Town of Naples; between sunset and 9:00 a.m. on Brandy Pond in the Town of Naples; on Fulton Lake in the Town of Northfield; on Knight Pond in the Town of Northport; on Moose Pond and Saturday Pond in the Town of Otisfield; on Tripp Pond, Upper Range Pond and Middle Range Pond in the Town of Poland; on Keewaydin Lake, Virginia Lake, Trout Pond, Weymouth Pond and Whitney Pond in the Town of Stoneham; on Lermond Pond in the Town of Union and the Town of Hope; on Pocasset Lake and Pickerel Pond in the Town of Wayne; on Androscoggin Lake in the Town of Wayne and the Town of Leeds; on Little Cobbosseecontee Lake in the Town of Winthrop, on Some Pond and Little Long Pond in the Town of Mount Desert and on Long Pond in the Towns of Mount Desert and Southwest Harbor.