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*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*  
*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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**LD 4** **An Act to Ban Steel Leg-hold Traps** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ABROMSON	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 4 proposed to prohibit the use of steel leg-hold traps for trapping any wild animal or wild bird.

**LD 8** **An Act to Provide Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Resident Active Military Personnel** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACOBS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM    A ONTP        B OTP-AM     C	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-419
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LD 8 proposed to authorize the Department of Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife to provide free hunting and fishing licenses to resident active military personnel.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-419)** would allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue combination hunting and fishing licenses to resident active military personnel permanently stationed outside the State for administrative costs to be determined by the department. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-420)** proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 28** **Resolve, to Extend the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft** **RESOLVE 68 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-21 S-379    GOLDTHWAIT
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LD 28 proposed to authorize for an additional year, until December 6, 2001, the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft. That commission was originally authorized during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 131.

This resolve proposed to reappoint the 5 ex officio members of the commission appointed during the 119th Legislature and retain the legislative members appointed during the 119th Legislature who are now members of the 120th Legislature. Members who were appointed as legislative members in 1999 but who are no longer members of the Legislature would be entitled to serve as ad hoc members of the commission during 2001.

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LD 28 did not request additional funding, although it would have carried forward all unexpended balances appropriated in Resolve 1999, chapter 131, to be used by the commission during 2001 to complete its responsibilities.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)** proposed to prohibit the commission from spending more money than is carried forward pursuant to section 9 of this resolve.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-379)** proposed to change the reporting date from December 6, 2001 to December 5, 2001 and to limit the amount of time that could be granted for extensions. Additionally, this amendment proposed to specify that it is the chairs of the commission, rather than the entire commission, who may request assistance from various state agencies and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 68, authorizes for an additional year, until December 6, 2001, the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft. That commission was originally authorized during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 131. This resolve requires the commission to report back to the legislature no later than December 5, 2001.

This resolve reappoints the 5 ex officio members of the commission appointed during the 119th Legislature and retains the legislative members appointed during the 119th Legislature who are now members of the 120th Legislature. Members who were appointed as legislative members in 1999 but who are no longer members of the Legislature are entitled to serve as ad hoc members of the commission during 2001.

This resolve carries forward all unexpended balances appropriated in Resolve 1999, chapter 131, to be used by the commission during 2001 to complete its responsibilities and prohibits the commission from spending more money than is carried forward pursuant to section 9 of this resolve.

Resolve 2001, chapter 68 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 28, 2001.

### **LD 52                    An Act to Limit the Number of Chances a Person Has in the Moose Lottery    CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)  
PERKINS

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 52 proposed to limit the number of chances a person has in the moose lottery to one chance for both residents and nonresidents.