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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**  
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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 875**                      **Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Create a Gun Safety Program**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 875 proposed to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a gun safety program for the elementary schools in the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-181)**, the minority report, proposed to add an appropriation section that appropriates \$140,000 and \$150,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, from the General Fund and added a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 940**                      **An Act to Improve Funding for Snowmobile Trail Maintenance**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 940 proposed to increase resident and nonresident snowmobile registration rates by \$5 and dedicate that amount to a special fund administered by the Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Division of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to assist any entity that has a snowmobile trail grooming contract with the bureau in the purchase of trail grooming equipment. Exempt from this increase would be any snowmobile registered as an antique under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7824, subsection 2-B.

The bill also proposed to require all nonresidents who snowmobile in Maine to register their snowmobiles in Maine. It proposed to specifically exclude from this requirement snowmobiles and grooming equipment registered to snowmobile clubs, municipalities, counties or provinces and engaged in trail grooming activities. It also proposed to increase the percentage set aside from the "gasoline tax" from .5% to .8%.

**LD 992**                      **An Act to Permit the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Accept Gifts for the Benefit of Wildlife Protection and Conservation**                      **PUBLIC 204**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SMALL ETNIER	OTP-AM	S-117

LD 992 proposed to allow a state agency to conduct a raffle for a donated item to benefit fish and wildlife conservation projects.

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**Committee Amendment "A" (S-117)** proposed to limit the number of raffles a state agency may conduct to 2 per year. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 204 allows a state agency to conduct no more than 2 raffles annually of donated items to benefit fish and wildlife conservation projects.

**LD 1067**                      **An Act to Prohibit the Use of Dogs or Bait While Hunting Bear**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS G		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1067 proposed to prohibit the use of dogs and the placing of bait when hunting bear.

**LD 1078**                      **An Act to Restrict the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtles in Order to Ensure Sustainability of the Resource**                      **PUBLIC 200**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1078 proposed to clarify the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to regulate the commercial harvest of snapping turtles, including establishing a season, size and possession limits, a fee schedule and reporting requirements.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 200 clarifies the rule-making authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to regulate the commercial harvest of snapping turtles, including establishing a season, size and possession limits, a fee schedule and reporting requirements.

**LD 1173**                      **An Act to Enhance Storage of Fish and Wildlife**                      **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE W DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM    MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1173 proposed that any possession, bag or catch limit set by rule for fish and game did not apply for fish and game legally harvested and removed to the legal residence of the person harvesting the fish or game.