

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*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

Current law requires a hunter to wear 2 articles of solid-colored blaze orange clothing. LD 1213 proposed to allow one of those articles of clothing to be predominantly blaze orange and the other article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-116)** proposed to change one of 2 required articles of clothing that need to be blaze orange to be a minimum of 50% orange.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 202 requires that the article of clothing worn around a hunter's torso during the open firearm season must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange and that a solid-colored hunter orange hat must be worn.

**LD 1225**                      **An Act to Establish a Nonresident Taxpayer Fishing License**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TOBIN D		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1225 proposed to allow a nonresident who paid property taxes in this State to purchase a nonresident fishing license at the same fee as a resident.

**LD 1279**                      **An Act to Require Hikers to Wear Blaze Orange during Hunting Season**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE C		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1279 proposed to require hikers to also wear hunter orange during hunting season.

**LD 1294**                      **An Act to Change the Snowmobile Registration Rates**                      **PUBLIC 254  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLARK		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM    MAJ OTP-AM    MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-346 H-435    DUNLAP
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LD 1294 proposed to increase resident and nonresident snowmobile registration rates by \$5 and dedicate that amount to a special fund administered by the Off-Road 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. LD 1294 also proposed to make the fees retroactive to July 1, 2001.