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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).

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

Wildlife to set an open deer season between September 15th and December 15th annually. The amendment also proposed that the regular season must start no later than the 4th Monday preceding Thanksgiving in years when the regular season extends beyond November 30th.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 296 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to set an open deer season between September 15th and December 15th annually and provides that the regular season must start no later than the 4th Monday preceding Thanksgiving in years when the regular season extends beyond November 30th.

LD 1419 **An Act to Provide for Public Access to Fish, Game and Wildlife Resources** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUNLAP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1419 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to purchase land or interests in land or to grant conservation easements over land in order to establish public access corridors to lands or waters for the purposes of fishing, hunting or trapping. It proposed to require the commissioner to consult with the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation on any actions taken to establish such corridors.

The bill also proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to survey and describe the corridor and to file a plan of that corridor with the registry of deeds in the county or counties in which the corridor was located in the same way required by law when the commissioner acquires land to establish wildlife management areas under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7652, subsection 1.

LD 1421 **An Act to Create an Antlerless Deer Hunting License** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MENDROS WOODCOCK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1421 proposed to create a separate hunting license for taking of antlerless deer.

LD 1422 **An Act to Allow Hunters to Transfer an Antlerless Deer Permit** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MENDROS LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 1422 proposed to allow an antlerless deer permit to transfer from the original holder to another licensed hunter if the other hunter shot an antlerless deer while hunting with the original holder.

LD 1464 **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Suspension and** **PUBLIC 331**
Revocation of Hunting and Fishing Licenses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1464 proposed to repeal provisions of law governing suspension and revocation of hunting and fishing licenses and would have directed the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules governing the suspension, revocation and reinstatement of these licenses by the commissioner.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-344) proposed to remove the total repeal of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7077, subsection 1-A and would repeal only the provision in that section that requires a mandatory license revocation for hunting caribou. This amendment also proposed to remove the repeal of section 7077, subsection 1-B and amends that subsection to allow for twice the general bag limit for a species of fish and by removing the mandatory license revocation requirement for fishing by jigging. The amendment proposed to remove the requirement that a person whose license has been revoked must successfully complete a firearms training program or an ethics program before becoming eligible to obtain a new license. Additionally, the amendment proposed allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to waive or reduce mandatory minimum suspension periods established in statute under certain circumstances. The amendment also proposed to remove the total repeal of section 7077-A and proposes to require the commissioner to revoke a license of a person who is convicted of any violation under Title 17-A and sets minimum revocation periods. Finally, the amendment also proposed to repeal the prohibition on hunting and possessing caribou.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-218) proposed to replace the bill and remove the total repeal of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7077, subsection 1-A and only repeal the provision in that section that requires a mandatory license revocation for hunting caribou. This amendment also proposed to remove the repeal of section 7077, subsection 1-B and amend that subsection to allow for twice the general bag limit for a species of fish and by removing the mandatory license revocation requirement for fishing by jigging. The amendment proposed to remove the requirement that a person whose license has been revoked must successfully complete a firearms training program or an ethics program before becoming eligible to obtain a new license. Additionally, the amendment proposed to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to waive or reduce mandatory minimum suspension periods established in statute under certain circumstances. Further, the amendment proposed to require the commissioner to revoke a license of a person who is convicted of any violation under Title 17-A and sets minimum revocation periods. Finally, the amendment proposed to repeal the prohibition on hunting and possessing caribou.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 331 repeals the prohibition on hunting and possessing caribou and repeals mandatory license revocation for hunting caribou. This Public Law removes the requirement that a person whose license has been revoked must successfully complete a firearms training program or an ethics program before becoming eligible to obtain a new license. Additionally, this Public Law allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to