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*Bill Summaries*

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on  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**May 2002**

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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 530 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue turkey hunting permits to landowners who keep their land open to the public for hunting.

Public Law 2001, chapter 530 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2002.

### **LD 1968**

### **An Act to Require the Owner of a Submerged Snowmobile or Boat to Remove the Snowmobile or Boat**

**PUBLIC 536  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLOUGH	OTP-AM MAJ	H-844
MICHAUD MH	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1968 proposed to require the owner of a submerged snowmobile or motor boat to remove it from the water.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-844)**, which was adopted, required the owner of a snowmobile or motorboat submerged in the inland waters of the State for longer than 24 hours to notify the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The proposed amendment also required the owner of that submerged snowmobile or motorboat to pay damages resulting from the submersion. The amendment also proposed to prohibit the operation of a snowmobile on the open water areas of public inland waters and require that the owner or operator remove a snowmobile submerged in violation of this section within 24 hours.

The amendment also proposed to add an emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-845)**, which was not adopted, proposed to require the owner of a snowmobile or motorboat submerged in the inland waters of the State for longer than 24 hours to notify the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to require the owner of that submerged snowmobile or motorboat to pay damages resulting from the submersion.

The amendment also proposed to add an emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 536 requires the owner of a snowmobile or motorboat submerged in the inland waters of the State for longer than 24 hours to notify the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also prohibits the operation of a snowmobile on open water areas of public inland waters and requires that the owner or operator of a snowmobile submerged in violation of this section remove the snowmobile within 24 hours and pay any damages resulting from the submersion.

Public Law 2001, chapter 536 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2002.