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Bill Summaries

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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 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).

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:

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
PASSED	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 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

LD 2040

An Act to Change the Registration Requirement for Certain Motorboats Used in Maine Waters

ONTP

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

LD 2040 proposed to require that motorboats registered in another state or country that were used on Maine waters in excess of 14 consecutive days would be registered in the State.

LD 2078

An Act to Ban the Use of Aircraft While Hunting

PUBLIC 610

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER	OTP-AM MAJ	S-483
DUNLAP	ONTP MIN	

LD 2078 proposed to prohibit the use of aircraft to hunt big game and to prohibit a person from hunting big game on the same hunting day that the person has flown on a chartered or privately owned aircraft.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-455), which was not enacted, proposed to remove the prohibition on a person hunting a big game animal on the same day that person was airborne on a chartered or privately owned aircraft. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-483), which was adopted, proposed to remove the prohibition on a person hunting a big game animal on the same day that person was airborne on a chartered or privately owned aircraft. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 610 prohibits the use of aircraft to hunt big game.

LD 2081

An Act to Implement the Unanimous and the Majority Recommendations of the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft

PUBLIC 693

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-1054

LD 2081 proposed to implement the unanimous and the majority recommendations of the Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gasoline Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft and is reported pursuant to Resolve 2001, chapter 68. This bill proposed to immediately increase annual gasoline tax allocations to those agencies that support those outdoor recreational activities by 50% of the current amount in fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, while ensuring full equity over the longer term by establishing a process that will result in the allocation of 100% of the excise taxes for gasoline paid by those users back to the programs that support those activities beginning in fiscal year 2005-06.