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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

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# Maine State Legislature



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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
<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>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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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**LD 1191**                      **An Act To Require a Resident To Purchase a Hunting License Before Entering Any Hunting Lottery**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1191 proposed to require a resident to hold the appropriate hunting license in order to be eligible to participate in a hunting lottery.

**LD 1195**                      **An Act To Allow the Transfer of Certain Permits**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1195 proposed to allow the transfer of valid moose, wild turkey and antlerless deer permits. The bill also proposed to prohibit the sale of valid moose, wild turkey or antlerless deer permits.

**LD 1227**                      **An Act To Extend the Firearm Deer Hunting Season**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1227 proposed to extend the regular firearm deer hunting season statewide by 2 weeks, one week before the current season began and one week after the current season ended.

**LD 1238**                      **An Act To Encourage Hunting by Improving Hunting Laws**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1238 proposed to do the following:

1. Amend the definition of "hunt" to exclude the word "pursue";
2. Exclude the expanded archery deer season from the prohibition on hunting another deer after having harvested one with a bow and arrow during the special archery season;

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3. Allow a landowner to stock pheasants on that person's property without a permit and allow the free hunting of those pheasants without a hunting license or permit;
4. Repeal the unconventional weapon deer hunting license;
5. Clarify that the prohibition against discharging a weapon near a dwelling applied to residential dwellings;
6. Remove the requirement that a person would get a landowner's permission before using a portable tree stand on that landowner's property;
7. Repeal the prohibitions against leaving duck decoys and stationary blinds on the waters of Merrymeeting Bay overnight;
8. Amend the prohibition on the use of artificial lights to hunt deer or moose to allow such use except during the firearm or muzzle-loading season;
9. Allow a person to shoot from a boat as long as the boat was not being propelled by its motor;
10. Amend the law to remove the requirement that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife provide bear tags as part of the big game license;
11. Repeal the prohibition against a person killing a bear and failing to take the bear with that person;
12. Repeal provisions of law limiting the transportation of bear and deer out of the State;
13. Repeal the prohibition on baiting deer;
14. Clarify that a person could shoot only one moose per year and require that the name of a person who was awarded a moose permit through the auction program was removed from the chance drawing;
15. Repeal the provisions of law prohibiting possession of a gift bear, deer, moose or wild turkey unless certain conditions were met;
16. Allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to suspend the game laws regarding game animals that became nuisance animals and to allow those animals to be hunted with dogs;
17. Amend the prohibition on placing bear bait within 500 yards of a dump by clarifying the word "dump" to mean a site permitted or licensed for the disposal of solid waste and extend the demarcation line around disposal sites to 500 yards;
18. Extend the period of time a person could keep an unregistered wild turkey from 12 to 18 hours, which was an amount of time consistent with that allowed for keeping other game animals; and
19. Amend the law to remove provisions pertaining to the transportation of harvested wild animals and wild birds.