

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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*Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

**LD 1255**

**An Act To Permit Sebago Lake Mooring Extensions**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRESSEY BENNETT R	ONTP	

LD 1255 proposed to limit the placement of a mooring on Sebago Lake to within 200 feet from shore but to allow the placement of a mooring up to 600 feet from shore in a cove or mouth of a cove. A mooring placed beyond the 200-foot limit could require an extra fee that would be used for harbor master expenses, and would be required to be illuminated from dusk to dawn during boating season. Moorings could not be placed in front of the property of an adjoining property owner and would be required to be removed by the same date that the harbor master required the removal of boats from the lake. This bill would not apply to those portions of Sebago Lake under the jurisdiction of the Portland Water District.

**LD 1259**

**An Act Regarding Hunting Hours, Permits and Seasons**

**ONTP**

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

LD 1259 proposed to do the following:

1. Set the hunting hours except for coyote, raccoon and wild turkey to 30 minutes prior to sunrise and 15 minutes after sunset. Wild turkey hunting hours were extended from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Twilight hunting was defined as that period of time between sunset and 15 minutes after sunset and for the purposes of this provision sunset was the time the sun set in Bangor, Maine;
2. Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a system by rule that allowed a person to transfer a valid hunting permit to another person and prohibit the transferee from selling or charging a fee for that permit;
3. Require residents to obtain a valid hunting license prior to applying for certain permits;
4. Repeal all hunting seasons set in statute and provide the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with the authority to set, expand or shorten hunting seasons by rule. This change had an effective date of July 1, 2004;
5. Repeal the requirement that a license holder would exhibit that license holder's license, upon request, to a registered Maine guide or an employee of the department who was not a game warden; and
6. Repeal the provision that made possession of hunting equipment in a vehicle on Sunday prima facie evidence of Sunday hunting.