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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES
AND WILDLIFE**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 98

An Act To Require Alien Big Game Hunters To Be Accompanied by a Guide

PUBLIC 454

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT MARTIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-159 S-367 ROTUNDO

LD 98 makes it illegal for a person who is not a citizen of the United States to hunt big game without being accompanied by a licensed guide.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-159)

This committee amendment replaces the bill and requires a person who is not a citizen of the United States to be accompanied by a licensed guide if that person wants to hunt moose, deer or bear.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-367)

This Senate amendment authorizes the transfer of \$41,216 in each of fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 from the Carrying Balances, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public 2007, chapter 454 requires a person who is not a citizen of the United States to be accompanied by a licensed guide if that person wants to hunt moose, deer or bear.

LD 99

An Act To Allow an All-terrain Vehicle To Operate on Snow without Being Registered as a Snowmobile

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEOD GOOLEY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 99 provides that a registered ATV that has been converted to operate on snow is not required to also be registered as a snowmobile.

LD 116

An Act To Adjust Fees for Certain Resident and Nonresident Licenses, Registrations and Permits Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROIS SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP	

LD 116 adjusts certain fees charged by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It increases certain nonresident license, permit and registration fees by approximately 20% and reduces the resident hunting license and the resident combination hunting and fishing license by \$3 each.