

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 123<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)

This committee amendment provides that each fish listed as a state heritage fish has a list of state heritage fish waters specific to that fish. It also clarifies that a person may not use in or possess on a state heritage fish water live fish as bait.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 21 establishes *Salvelinus alpinus oquassa*, a distinct subspecies of the arctic charr known in Maine as the blueback charr, as a state heritage fish. It requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt by rule a list of all arctic charr waters and prohibits a person from possessing or using live fish as bait in or on state heritage fish waters.

## LD 166 An Act To Require the Standardization of Fishing Rules

ONTP

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

LD 166 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt a coding system for the department's annual fishing regulations abstract that assigns codes for all fishing regulations.

## LD 167 An Act To Allow Military Personnel Stationed in Maine To Register All-terrain Vehicles As Residents

PUBLIC 70

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANSLEY	OTP-AM	H-58

LD 167 allows a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in Maine or the spouse or child of that member to register an ATV in Maine at the cost of a resident registration. The registration fees attributable to such a registration are allocated to the municipality in which the military or naval post, station or base is located.

## Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)

This committee amendment adds clarifying language to the bill and removes the requirement that ATV registration fees be allocated to the municipality in which the post, station or base is located.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 70 allows a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in Maine or the spouse or child of that member to register an ATV in Maine at the cost of a resident registration.

## LD 175 An Act To Fund Youth Conservation Education

PUBLIC 161  
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-61 S-79 BRYANT B

## *Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

LD 175 raises the number of moose permits auctioned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from 5 to 10 permits and states that the purpose of the auction is to benefit conservation education for youth. It provides the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the option of not issuing permits to bidders if the bids present a financial return insufficient to reflect the public value of the permits. It also provides that unissued permits are to be drawn in the public chance drawing.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**

This committee amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill, removes language that would restrict the current use of funds raised by the auction of moose hunting permits and makes the bill effective upon approval.

### **Senate Amendment "A" (S-79)**

This amendment provides the appropriations and allocations section that was inadvertently omitted from the committee amendment.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 161 raises the number of moose permits auctioned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from 5 to 10 permits and gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the option of not issuing permits to bidders if the bids present a financial return insufficient to reflect the public value of the permits.

Public Law 2007, chapter 161 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2007.

## **LD 197 An Act To Prevent the Domestication of Wild Turkey and Deer**

**ONTP**

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

LD 197 prohibits a person from feeding a wild turkey or deer.

## **LD 250 An Act To Change Snowmobile Registration Requirements**

**PUBLIC 165**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP-AM	S-70

LD 250 streamlines snowmobile registration by eliminating the current use of permanent registration numbers.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)**

This committee amendment strikes all the provisions of the bill except the language that removes the requirement that resident-owned snowmobile registration numbers remain with the snowmobile until that snowmobile is destroyed, abandoned or permanently removed from the state.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 165 removes the requirement that resident-owned snowmobile registration numbers remain with the snowmobile until that snowmobile is destroyed, abandoned or permanently removed from the state.