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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 274 An Act To Promote Mandatory Assignments and Training for Assistant Game Wardens

PUBLIC 421

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

LD 274 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service to compensate assistant game wardens for mandatory assignments and their attendance at mandatory training, classes or meetings and reimburse assistant game wardens for approved expenses.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)

This committee amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 421 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service to compensate assistant game wardens for mandatory assignments and their attendance at mandatory training, classes or meetings and reimburse assistant game wardens for approved expenses.

LD 284 An Act To Permit Archery Hunters the Opportunity To Take an Additional Deer

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 284 allows a person who takes a deer with a bow and arrow during the special archery season to take one additional deer with a firearm during the regular firearm deer hunting season.

LD 285 An Act To Designate Additional Wild Trout Waters for Recognition and Protection

ONTP

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

LD 285 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create and maintain a list of secondary brook trout waters that have not been stocked in at least 20 years with the same restrictions as the law requires for native brook trout waters.

LD 307 An Act To Enhance Land Use Opportunities for Landowners

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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