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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>
FITTS BRYANT B	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 307 allows landowners to hunt on Sunday on their own land if they own 20 or more acres and the land is open to hunting by the public. It requires a participating landowner to register with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 347 An Act To Improve Landowner Relations

ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT

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

LD 347 adds the coordination of landowner relations activities to the list of responsibilities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service. It also authorizes the bureau to request the assistance from other agencies with respect to these activities.

LD 356 An Act Concerning Certain Hunting License Fees and Antlerless Deer Permits

ONTP

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

LD 356 provides complimentary hunting licenses and permits to residents 65 years of age or older and honorably discharged veterans if they have purchased a Maine hunting license for at least 10 years. It provides that a person who applied for but did not receive an antlerless deer permit through the lottery system may purchase an antlerless deer permit that was not otherwise allocated through the lottery system for a fee of \$100. This bill also lowers the fee for a junior resident hunting license from \$7 to \$5 if a person under 16 years of age purchases the license at the same time that person's parent or guardian purchases a hunting license. It also removes antiquated language regarding complimentary licenses for residents over 70 years of age.

LD 366 An Act To Make Additions and Deletions to the List of State Endangered and Threatened Species

PUBLIC 166

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M	OTP-AM	H-59 S-51 BRYANT B

The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12803 requires that prior to recommending additions, deletions or other changes to the list of endangered and threatened species, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide for public notice and public hearings on the proposed recommendations to the Legislature. LD 366 contains the recommended additions, amendments and deletions to that list.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59)

This committee amendment amends the bill by making technical changes to certain scientific names.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-51)

This amendment corrects a spelling error.

Enacted Law Summary