

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed  
during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine  
Legislature coming from the

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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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature.

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:

<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; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</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>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (R2) is June 30, 2008. The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (S1) is July 18, 2008.<sup>1</sup> The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills. Any bill summarized in this document having an LD number less than 1932 was a bill carried over from the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature.

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<sup>1</sup> The session in which each law was enacted or finally passed (R2 or S1) is included in Appendix C.

# *Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 648**     **An Act To Maintain the Amount of State Land That Is Open for Hunting**

**PUBLIC 564**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM   MAJ OTP-AM   MIN	H-756 H-781     PIEH

LD 648 was jointly referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and provides that the number of acres open to hunting on reserved and nonreserved state lands may not be reduced from the total number of acres available for hunting on those lands as of January 1, 2008.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-756)**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It replaces the bill. It requires the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to coordinate their respective management of the public reserved lands and land owned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to ensure that there is no net loss of acreage open to hunting on these lands. It requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands to present information on changes in acres open to hunting in its annual report on the public reserved lands and to present this information to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over wildlife management matters as well as the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-757)**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It replaces the bill. It requires the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to include a description of changes in allowed uses of the public reserved lands in the bureau's annual report to the legislative committee of jurisdiction. The minority report was not adopted.

**House Amendment "A" (H-781)**

This amendment replaces the language in Committee Amendment "A" pertaining to required reporting. It requires the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to include in its annual report a description of any changes in allowed uses of public reserved lands, including the acreage affected and the reason for the change.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 564 requires the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to coordinate their respective management of the public reserved lands and land owned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to ensure that there is no net loss of acreage open to hunting on these lands. It requires the bureau to include in its annual report a description of any changes in allowed uses of public reserved lands, including the acreage affected and the reason for the change.

**LD 680**     **An Act To Increase Funding for the Spaying and Neutering of Companion Animals**

**ONTP**

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