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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 783 An Act To Clarify That Senior Lifetime Hunting Licenses Include the Right To Hunt Turkey

PUBLIC 433

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS J	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-149 S-364 ROTUNDO

LD 783 clarifies that a senior lifetime hunting license includes the right to hunt turkey.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149)

This committee amendment provides a spring and fall wild turkey hunting permit to a person who is 70 years of age or older who holds a senior lifetime license.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-364)

This Senate amendment authorizes the transfer of \$16,700 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 Law 2007, chapter 433 provides a spring and fall wild turkey hunting permit to a person who is 70 years of age or older who holds a senior lifetime license.

LD 799 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Motorized Watercraft on Lily Pond in Deer Isle

ONTP

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

LD 799 prohibits the use of a motorboat on Lily Pond in Deer Isle.

LD 822 An Act To Eliminate Fees for Resident Junior Hunters

ONTP

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

LD 822 repeals the fee for a resident junior hunting license.

LD 823 Resolve, To Create an Effective Deer Habitat Enhancement and Coyote Control Program

RESOLVE 39

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK	OTP-AM	H-190

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 823 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review the existing coyote control program and report the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 30, 2007. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)

This committee amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a working group to review existing programs and efforts for creating, enhancing and maintaining critical deer habitat in the State and reducing predation of deer by coyotes.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 39 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a working group to review existing programs and efforts for creating, enhancing and maintaining critical deer habitat in the State and reducing predation of deer by coyotes.

LD 824 *Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season* ONTP

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

LD 824 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow the hunting of coyote at night throughout the year.

LD 825 *An Act To Allow Special Olympics Maine To Conduct an Open Bass Fishing Tournament* P & S 16

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-230

LD 825 allows Special Olympics Maine to hold an open bass fishing tournament every year on the first Sunday in May on Cobbossee Lake. It also exempts the tournament from the rules that govern open bass fishing tournaments.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-230)

This committee amendment requires that 100% instead of 25% of gross proceeds received from entry fees for a bass tournament involving Special Olympics Maine be donated to Special Olympics Maine or be awarded to participants as prizes. It also removes the provision from the bill that would exempt the tournament from the rules that govern open bass fishing tournaments.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 16 allows Special Olympics Maine to hold an open bass fishing tournament every year on the first Sunday in May on Cobbossee Lake and requires that 100% of the gross proceeds received from entry fees be donated to Special Olympics Maine or be awarded to participants as prizes.