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

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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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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, 2008.¹ 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 123rd Legislature.

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

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 2090 An Act To Impose a Horsepower Restriction for Boat Motors on Long Lake and Brandy Pond

ONTP

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

This bill limits the horsepower of boats that can be operated on Long Lake in Bridgton and Brandy Pond in Naples to 500 horsepower.

LD 2142 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Antlerless Deer Permits

**PUBLIC 492
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-687

This bill removes the provision of law that requires that no more than 2.5% of antlerless deer permits be in the form of a super pack license. The bill also provides that a super pack license may include an antlerless deer permit except that it is valid for unallocated antlerless deer permits only.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-687)

This amendment provides that a super pack license affords the holder with the same opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery as that person would have with an individual license that is contained in the super pack license. It limits the 3 deer that may be taken with a super pack license during the special archery season to antlerless deer only. The amendment also provides that landowners who allow hunting on their lands must receive at least 25% of the antlerless deer permits issued for a wildlife management district.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 492 provides that a super pack license affords the holder with the same opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery as that person would have with an individual license that is contained in the super pack license. It limits the 3 deer that may be taken with a super pack license during the special archery season to antlerless deer only. Public Law 2007, chapter 492 provides that landowners who allow hunting on their land must receive at least 25% of the antlerless deer permits issued for a wildlife management district.

Public Law 2007, chapter 492 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2008.

LD 2203 An Act To Ensure Adequate Funding for Conservation Districts

ONTP

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

This bill creates a voluntary checkoff to allow owners of snowmobiles registered pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 13104 and ATVs registered pursuant to Title 12, section 13155 to indicate that a portion of the registration fee is to be used to provide funding to soil and water conservation districts and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.