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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> 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 124<sup>th</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:

CARRIED OVER.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 12, 2009. 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 171**      **An Act To Extend the Season for Training Hunting Dogs**

**PUBLIC 76  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-22

LD 171 bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 and proposes to extend the season for training hunting dogs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)**

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following for a one year period.

1. It requires a person to possess a valid hunting license when training hunting dogs.
2. It extends the training season for dogs on bears by one month.
3. It changes the current limit on the number of dogs that can be trained on bear at one time from 4 dogs to 6 dogs.

The provisions of this amendment apply from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 76 does the following between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

1. It requires a person to possess a valid hunting license when training hunting dogs.
2. It extends the training season for dogs on bears by one month.
3. It changes the current limit on the number of dogs that can be trained on bear by a resident at one time from 4 dogs to 6 dogs.

Public Law 2009, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2009.

**LD 172**      **Resolve, Requiring the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To  
Market Youth Fishing Day**

**ONTP**

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

LD 172 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposed to direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to coordinate with the Department of Economic and Community Development, sportsmen's organizations, nonprofit organizations and other interested parties to promote the last Saturday in May as a statewide youth fishing event.