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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th 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 124th 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 124th 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

that a nonresident may not hunt bear with the use of dogs unless that person employs and hunts with a resident Maine guide and it limits the number of nonresident clients a guide can hunt with to 3 hunters. Public Law 2009, chapter 390 increases that number to 5.

LD 256 **Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
To Explore Opportunities and Issues Surrounding Wild Turkey
Hunting** **RESOLVE 48**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON COURTNEY	OTP-AM	H-170

LD 256 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to implement measures to increase the number of turkeys that may be taken by hunters and to establish rules to relieve the economic losses of farms and other businesses affected by the overpopulation of wild turkeys.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)

This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with interested parties to explore the opportunities and issues surrounding the wild turkey hunt and the problem of nuisance turkeys in farming areas and to report the findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 48 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with interested parties to explore the opportunities and issues surrounding the wild turkey hunt and the problem of nuisance turkeys in farming areas and to report the findings and any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010.

LD 286 **An Act To Encourage Young Hunters by Providing Them with
Complimentary Licenses and Permits** **ONTP**

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

LD 286 provides a complimentary license to hunt to a resident 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age.

LD 287 **An Act To Survey Anglers Annually** **ONTP**

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

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LD 287 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to contract with a professional polling firm for an annual survey measuring the interests and opinions of anglers who fish in this State, both residents and nonresidents, including, but not limited to, their level of satisfaction with their fishing experiences.

LD 288 An Act To Expand Super Pack License Opportunities

PUBLIC 132

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANLEY JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-102

LD 288 provides that a super pack licensee is eligible for moose lottery bonus points and, unlike other license holders, accumulated bonus points are not eliminated if that person fails to purchase a new lottery chance the following year. It also expands the number and type of deer a super pack license holder is eligible to harvest.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)

This amendment removes the sections of the bill dealing with the moose lottery and the number of deer that can be taken under a super pack license. It retains the provision that reduces the number of antlerless deer permits that must be available in a wildlife management district from 5,000 permits to 3,500 permits before a super pack license holder is eligible to obtain an antlerless deer permit.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 132 reduces the number of antlerless deer permits that must be available in a wildlife management district from 5,000 permits to 3,500 permits before a super pack license holder is eligible to obtain an antlerless deer permit.

LD 289 An Act To Require Boating Safety Education

LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON PERRY J	LTW	

LD 289 requires boating safety education for all motorboat users in the State. It requires full compliance for all users by 2017, but creates a phase-in for implementation by age group.

LD 303 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Deer Hunting and To Extend the Coyote Hunting Season

PUBLIC 134

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	S-88