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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 626**

**An Act To Increase Participation in Funding the Activities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EBERLE BRYANT B	ONTP	

LD 626 prohibits a person 16 years of age or older from operating a nonmotorized watercraft on inland waters without possessing a hunting, fishing or trapping license or a Wildlife Enthusiast's Conservation Appreciation, Recreation and Enjoyment or WE CARE license. It repeals the current voluntary WE CARE support program. LD 626 sets the fee for the WE CARE license at \$19 annually, and directs that revenues generated from the sale of the license must be deposited in the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund.

**LD 627**

**An Act To Allow a Senior Hunter To Take an Antlerless Deer in Any Zone Designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 627 allows a resident of the State who is 70 years of age or older to lawfully take an antlerless deer during the open season on deer.

**LD 638**

**An Act To Exempt Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles Operated at Demonstration Events from the Requirement of a Maine Registration**

**PUBLIC 184**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-234

LD 638 allows a snowmobile owned or under the control of a snowmobile manufacturer to be operated without a Maine registration at a demonstration event organized to occur in this State if such operation is approved by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-234)**

This amendment provides the same exemption from the registration requirement for all-terrain vehicles operated at a demonstration event as is provided for snowmobiles in the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 184 allows a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle owned or under the control of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle manufacturer to be operated without a Maine registration at a demonstration event organized to occur in this State if such operation is approved by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.