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



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second 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 Second 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:

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| <i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....                             | <i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>                 |
| <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 HOUSES</i> .....                      | <i>House &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....                              | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. 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 1519     An Act To Ensure Search and Rescue Dogs Are Afforded Access to  
Public Accommodations without an Extra Charge**

**PUBLIC 543**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GERZOFSKY         | OTP-AM                  | S-387                     |

LD 1519 provides that Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife personnel have the right to be accompanied by a search and rescue dog in any place of public accommodation without charge.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-387)**

This amendment provides that a person assisting the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with a search and rescue dog certified by or in training with an organization recognized by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service may be accompanied by the search and rescue dog in an inn, hotel, motel or other place of lodging without being required to pay an extra charge or a security deposit for the search and rescue dog. The owner of the search and rescue dog is liable for any damages done to the premises by that animal.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 543 provides that a person assisting the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with a search and rescue dog certified by or in training with an organization recognized by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service may be accompanied by the search and rescue dog in an inn, hotel, motel or other place of lodging without being required to pay an extra charge or a security deposit for the search and rescue dog. The owner of the search and rescue dog is liable for any damages done to the premises by that animal.

**LD 1536     An Act To Amend the Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop  
All-terrain Vehicles when Operating on Private Property**

**DIED BETWEEN  
HOUSES**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SARTY<br>DIAMOND  | OTP MAJ<br>ONTP MIN     |                           |

Current law provides that a law enforcement officer may stop an all-terrain vehicle to ascertain whether a violation of the law has occurred if the law enforcement officer has a reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation of the law has taken place. LD 1536 allows a law enforcement officer to stop an all-terrain vehicle operated on privately owned property without a reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe a violation of the law has occurred.