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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

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; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 101 An Act To Institute a Snaring Program for Coyotes

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

It proposes to institute a snaring program for coyotes.

LD 107 An Act To Allow Trapping in Northern Maine without the Written Consent of the Landowner

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL MARTIN T	LV/WD	

Current law requires a trapper to obtain written permission from the landowner or occupant of certain property before setting traps on that person's property. This bill limits that requirement to portions of the State situated south of Route 2 west of Bangor and south of Route 9 east of Bangor.

LD 108 An Act To Amend the Fees for Infant Lifetime Licenses

PUBLIC 268

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-391

This bill changes the license fee for an infant lifetime hunting license for nonresidents to \$150 from \$450.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)

This amendment replaces the bill. The bill proposes to reduce the fee for an infant lifetime hunting license for a nonresident from \$450 to \$150, which is the same fee as for a resident. This amendment reduces the fees on all infant lifetime licenses for nonresidents by approximately 55% between December 1, 2011 and March 1, 2015. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on the fiscal impact of reducing the fees for the nonresident infant lifetime licenses by January 5, 2015 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 20011, chapter 268 reduces the fee for an infant lifetime hunting license for a nonresident from \$450 to \$150, which is the same fee as for a resident. It also reduces the fees on all infant lifetime licenses for nonresidents by approximately 55% between December 1, 2011 and March 1, 2015. Public Law 2011, chapter 268 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on the fiscal impact of reducing the fees for the nonresident