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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**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 LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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***

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

This bill proposes to amend current law to establish standards pertaining to the feeding of deer, specifically where deer may be fed and whether the proximity to roads is a factor.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prepare a comprehensive deer winter feeding strategy and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2012.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 20 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prepare a comprehensive deer winter feeding strategy and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2012.

**LD 274      An Act To Increase the Moose Permit Allocations for Zones 2 and 3      Carried Over**

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

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

It proposes to increase the moose permit allocations in zones 2 and 3 and to change the dates of the moose hunt.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

**LD 284      An Act To Prohibit Water-ski Courses on Small Ponds      MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill provides that a person may not operate a watercraft for water skiing on a course on a body of water that has less than 100 continuous acres of open water that is not subject to headway speed restrictions.

**LD 289      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Recreational Vehicle Registration Agent Fees      ONTP**

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

*Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

This bill increases the watercraft, snowmobile and ATV registration service fees that may be assessed, collected and retained by municipalities from \$1 to \$3 and from \$2 to \$4 for the issuance of new registrations.

**LD 291 An Act Regarding the Moose Lottery and Moose Management**

**PUBLIC 370**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS THIBODEAU	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-598

This bill changes the amount of time a moose hunting permit holder must wait to be eligible for another moose hunting permit from 2 years to 3 years.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-598)**

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

1. It limits the number of chances a resident may purchase for the moose hunting permit lottery to one and reduces the number of moose hunting permit lottery chances contained in a super pack license from 6 to one;
2. It modifies the point system for the moose hunting permit lottery to improve a person's chances in the lottery the longer that person has stayed in the lottery and has not received a moose hunting permit;
3. As does the bill, it changes the amount of time a moose hunting permit holder must wait to be eligible for another moose hunting permit from 2 years to 3 years;
4. It provides that a person that is ineligible to obtain a moose hunting permit because that person has received a permit within the last 2 years may continue to buy additional chances for the moose hunting permit lottery over that period of ineligibility for the corresponding application fee;
5. It allows a person to indicate on the moose hunting permit application that that person does not want to receive a moose permit for that year but wants to continue to accrue chances in the moose hunting permit lottery;
6. It establishes the Moose Research and Management Fund and moves a provision of existing law regarding funding for moose research to the section of law that establishes the fund;
7. It increases the moose hunting permit fee for nonresidents and aliens from \$484 to \$585 and directs that \$100 from each of these permits be deposited in the Moose Research and Management Fund;
8. It allows an applicant for a moose hunting permit to change that person's subpermittee or alternate subpermittee after the applicant has received a moose hunting permit. Current law requires an applicant for a moose hunting permit to designate that person's subpermittee and alternate subpermittee at the time of the application;
9. It prohibits the sale of the moose hunting permit subpermittee or alternate subpermittee designation and makes a violation of that prohibition a Class E crime; and
10. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-599)**

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. It does the following: