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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***

**LD 292**      **An Act To Prohibit Placing the Carcass of a Dead Animal on a Frozen Body of Water for the Purpose of Baiting Coyotes**      **ONTP**

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

This bill prohibits a person from placing the carcass of a dead animal on the ice of a brook, great pond or river for purposes of coyote hunting.

**LD 293**      **An Act To Waive Snowmobile Registration Requirements for Canadians Riding on Maine Trails**      **MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE SHERMAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill provides that a snowmobile registered in a Canadian province may be operated without a Maine registration on state-funded snowmobile trails as long as the snowmobile is insured in Canada and the rider belongs to a snowmobile club located in Maine.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-486)**

This amendment replaces the bill and is the minority report of the committee. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with Canadian authorities to establish reciprocity for the operation of snowmobiles and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2012.

**LD 294**      **An Act To Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older Expanded Crossbow Privileges**      **PUBLIC 61**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAFTS MASON	OTP-AM A ONTP B OTP-AM C	H-54

This bill allows a person 70 years of age or older to hunt wild birds and wild animals with a crossbow during the open seasons for hunting with bow and arrow and allows that person to hunt moose with a crossbow.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)**

This amendment provides that until January 1, 2015 a person 70 years of age or older may hunt wild birds and wild animals with a crossbow during the open seasons for hunting with bow and arrow. It also allows a person 70 years of age or older to hunt moose with a crossbow.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-55)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It provides that until January 1, 2013 a person 70 years of