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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 488 An Act To Allow Nonresidents To Hunt on the First Day of the Firearm Season on Deer MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This bill allows nonresidents to hunt on the first day of the firearm season on deer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-264)

This amendment is the minority report. It limits the nonresidents who may hunt on the first day of the firearm season on deer to those nonresidents who own land in the State and keep that land open to the public for hunting.

LD 522 An Act To Provide Free Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses To Wartime Veterans Who Are at Least 80 Years of Age MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This bill provides for free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to a resident who is a wartime veteran and 80 years of age or older.

LD 556 An Act Concerning the Lake and River Protection Fund PUBLIC 74

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS	OTP-AM	H-99

This bill adds language concerning nuisance species to the law concerning the Lake and River Protection Fund in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 to be consistent with similar laws in Title 38.

The bill establishes a fund for moose management and research, funded by the issuance of extra moose hunting permits, and authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue additional permits for this fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-99)

This amendment removes those provisions of the bill regarding the proposed Moose Research Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 74 adds language concerning nuisance species to the law concerning the Lake and River Protection Fund in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 to be consistent with similar laws in Title 38.