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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 559

An Act To Protect Owners of Private Property against Trespass

**PUBLIC 432
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'BRIEN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-312

This bill requires that a hunter get written permission when baiting, night hunting coyotes and hunting bears, coyotes or bobcats with dogs. It also provides another way to conspicuously mark land where permission is required for access.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312)

This amendment replaces the bill and:

1. Adds an emergency preamble and clause;
2. Provides that a person may not place or hunt over bait without the oral or written permission of the landowner or the landowner's agent;
3. Provides that a person may not hunt bear, coyote or bobcat with a dog unless the dog has a collar that legibly provides the name, telephone number and address of the owner of that dog;
4. Prohibits the use of a dog to hunt a coyote during the period from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise;
5. Limits the number of dogs a person or persons may use to hunt coyotes or bobcats to 6 dogs; and
6. Adds another method of posting private property to the current method of horizontal silver paint stripes by allowing a vertical paint mark with the color and type of paint determined by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry. The amendment repeals the current silver paint marking provisions September 12, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 432 does the following:

1. Provides that a person may not place or hunt over bait without the oral or written permission of the landowner or the landowner's agent;
2. Provides that a person may not hunt bear, coyote or bobcat with a dog unless the dog has a collar that legibly provides the name, telephone number and address of the owner of that dog;
3. Prohibits the use of a dog to hunt a coyote during the period from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise;
4. Limits the number of dogs a person or persons may use to hunt coyotes or bobcats to 6 dogs; and
5. Adds another method of posting private property to the current method of horizontal silver paint stripes by allowing a vertical paint mark with the color and type of paint determined by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry. Public Law 20011, chapter repeals the current silver paint marking provisions on

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September 12, 2012.

Public Law 2011, chapter 432 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 6, 2011.

LD 626 An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Work in Maine To Purchase ONTP
Hunting and Fishing Licenses at Resident Rates

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

This bill allows a person who does not live in the State but who works in the State and who pays income tax to the State to pay the resident rate for hunting and general fishing licenses.

LD 634 An Act To Allow a Person To Designate Information Submitted for a PUBLIC 185
Hunting or Fishing License as Confidential

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT LANGLEY	OTP	

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow an applicant for a hunting or fishing license to indicate that the applicant's e-mail address is confidential.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 185 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow an applicant for a hunting or fishing license to indicate that the applicant's e-mail address is confidential.

LD 637 Resolve, To Increase the Amount Tagging Agents Receive for Tagging Carried Over
Game

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

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's rules regarding the tagging of game to ensure that tagging agents receive an additional \$1.00 from each registration fee they collect for tagging game.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)

This amendment replaces the resolve. It amends the law governing the registration fees for tagging game by increasing the amount tagging agents may retain for each registration fee they collect from \$1 to \$2.

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