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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 640 An Act To Encourage Coyote Management

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill allows a complimentary antlerless deer permit to any hunter who has killed 10 coyotes within one year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221)

This amendment is the minority report. It provides a complimentary hunting license, instead of the complimentary antlerless deer permit as proposed in the bill, to a resident who kills 10 coyotes in one year.

**LD 641 An Act To Allow a Portion of Snowmobile Registration Fees To Be Used
for the Repair of Trail-grooming Equipment**

PUBLIC 129

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS THIBODEAU	OTP	

This bill allows a portion of snowmobile registration fees to be used for the repair of trail-grooming equipment used by entities that have snowmobile trail grooming contracts with the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands. The bill also corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part OO, section 20, which removed the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration, and Public Law 2009, chapter 226, section 1, which maintained the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration. The bill corrects that conflict by removing the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 129 allows a portion of snowmobile registration fees to be used for the repair of trail-grooming equipment used by entities that have snowmobile trail grooming contracts with the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands. It also corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part OO, section 20, which removed the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration, and Public Law 2009, chapter 226, section 1, which maintained the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration. Public law 2011, chapter 129 corrects that conflict by removing the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration.

LD 650 An Act To Create an Apprentice Trapper License

PUBLIC 51

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SARTY JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-70

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

This bill creates an apprentice trapper license. An apprentice trapper license allows a person who has never held a trapping license to go trapping with an experienced trapper for up to one year without having to take a trapper education course. The holder of an apprentice trapper license must, while trapping, be under the direct supervision of an experienced trapper at all times. An apprentice trapper license allows a person to trap for all species that may be legally trapped, except black bear. The fee for an apprentice trapper license is the same as for a regular trapping license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)

This amendment clarifies that an apprentice trapper must be in visual and voice contact with a supervisor without the aid of any devices.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2011, chapter 51 creates an apprentice trapper license. The apprentice trapper license allows a person who has never held a trapping license to go trapping with an experienced trapper for up to one year without having to take a trapper education course. The holder of an apprentice trapper license must, while trapping, be under the direct supervision of an experienced trapper at all times. An apprentice trapper license allows a person to trap for all species that may be legally trapped, except black bear. The fee for an apprentice trapper license is the same as for a regular trapping license.

LD 653 An Act To Ban the Use of Personal Watercraft on Allen Pond in the Town of Greene

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

CRAFTS

Committee Report

ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

Amendments Adopted

This bill bans the use of personal watercraft on Allen Pond in the Town of Greene.

LD 682 An Act To Establish the Moose Biologist Fund To Support a Moose Biologist Position

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

WILLETTE M
JACKSON

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill establishes the Moose Biologist Fund to fund a moose biologist position within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Moose hunting permit application fees are increased by \$1 and that amount is dedicated to the Moose Biologist Fund.