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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***

Current law allows a super pack license holder to receive an antlerless deer permit and to have an opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11152. This bill removes the provision that gives a person holding a super pack license the opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery thus limiting the number of antlerless deer permits a person holding a super pack license may have to one.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-345)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the holder of a super pack license who receives an antlerless deer permit pursuant to that license is not eligible to obtain a permit in the regular antlerless deer permit lottery. It also delays the effective date of the legislation until January 1, 2012.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Current law allows a super pack license holder to receive an antlerless deer permit and to have an opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11152. Public Law 2011, chapter 252 provides that the holder of a super pack license who receives an antlerless deer permit pursuant to that license is not eligible to obtain a permit in the regular antlerless deer permit lottery. This law becomes effective on January 1, 2012.

**LD 884      An Act To Change the Moose Lottery To Increase the Chances for Resident Hunters      ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>    | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GIFFORD<br>THIBODEAU | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to allow resident applicants to the moose lottery to receive additional points for each year they fail to receive a permit until they receive a permit.

**LD 906      An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting for Small Game and Wild Birds      ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FITTS             | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill provides for Sunday hunting of small game and wild birds.

**LD 910      An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday for Landowners      MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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