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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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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**

game;

- 20. It makes changes to the membership of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists;
- 21. It adds 2 dams to the list of dams at which fishing in or from the fishway is prohibited and provides a definition of an operational fishway;
- 22. It allows the cage-type trap for trapping bears and removes the statutory requirements for marking bear traps;
- 23. It requires that records retained by smelt or baitfish dealers be open for inspection by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- 24. It establishes 13 more state-owned wildlife management areas; and
- 25. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue additional moose hunting permits for the 2011 moose hunting season.

Public Law 2011, chapter 253 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2011.

**LD 1113**

**An Act To Encourage Fishing for Individuals with Disabilities**

**PUBLIC 355  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS WOODBURY	OTP-AM	H-382 H-505 STRANG BURGESS

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to allow the caregiver of an individual entitled to a free fishing license because of a disability, when that disability limits that individual's ability to fish independently, to assist that individual's fishing without being required to obtain a fishing license.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-382)**

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

- 1. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill; and
- 2. It provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may allow a person to accompany and assist a blind resident, a paraplegic resident, a resident disabled veteran, a person with an acquired brain injury, a patient or inmate residing in a state institution or a person with a developmental disability who has a complimentary fishing license to fish without obtaining a separate fishing license.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-505)**

Under Committee Amendment "A," a person with mental retardation, as defined, is included in the list of persons who may receive a complimentary fishing license and have a person's assistance while fishing. This amendment revises the definition to provide a complimentary fishing license to a person with a developmental disability.

