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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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*

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 355 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.

Public Law 2011, chapter 355 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2011.

**LD 1121**

**An Act To Provide for Incentives and Reparations to Landowners in Connection with All-terrain Vehicle Access**

**ONTP**

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

This bill creates 2 funds concerning all-terrain vehicles, to be administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

1. The ATV Trail Fund, which provides all-terrain vehicle trail planning, clearing and construction assistance to landowners that commit to the creation or improvement of multiuse trails and that allow all-terrain vehicles on their properties; and
2. The ATV Mitigation Fund, which compensates private and public landowners for damage caused by all-terrain vehicle use, overuse or abuse on their properties.

The funds will be capitalized with a \$2 charge on each all-terrain vehicle registration fee and a 2% added sales tax on the sale of an all-terrain vehicle to residents of other states; additionally, violators of all-terrain vehicle operation law may elect to have a portion of their fines deposited into the ATV Mitigation Fund.

**LD 1208**

**An Act To Allow Early Deer Hunting for Senior Hunters**

**MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAFTS MASON	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill provides that the day before the deer hunting season starts is open to a holder of a valid junior hunting license who is under 16 years of age and a holder of an antlerless deer permit who is 70 years of age or older.