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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES
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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 Second 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ...	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. 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 1242

An Act To Restore the Deer Herd in Certain Wildlife Management Districts in Maine

PUBLIC 668

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS DC TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-829

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

The bill does the following.

1. It establishes a deer management advisory committee to inform the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife about how to more aggressively manage the State's deer population.
2. It establishes the Maine Deer Management Fund for the purpose of funding deer management efforts in the State.
3. It creates a \$10 deer stamp and prohibits a person from hunting deer in the State without a deer stamp.
4. It creates a deer management license plate and directs \$20 from each deer management license plate to be deposited into the Maine Deer Management Fund.
5. It creates a Maine deer management voluntary checkoff so that taxpayers can voluntarily support deer management efforts.
6. It requires revenue received from the deer stamp and the deer management checkoff to be deposited in the Maine Deer Management Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-829)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to regulate the feeding of deer in certain circumstances. It requires the commissioner to direct the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council members to convene stakeholder groups at least annually in strategic areas of the State where deer populations need to be enhanced. This amendment also renames the existing Predator Control and Deer Habitat Fund the "Maine Deer Management Fund." It requires that every application for a hunting license include checkoff options that allow a person to donate money to the fund for predator control or deer habitat enhancement. It also requires that \$2 of every deer registration fee be credited to the Maine Deer Management Fund and requires that 50% of the funds deposited in the Maine Deer Management Fund from deer registration fees be used for predator control purposes and 50% to enhance deer habitat. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 668 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to regulate the feeding of deer in certain circumstances. It requires the commissioner to direct the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council members to convene stakeholder groups at least annually in strategic areas of the State where deer populations need to be enhanced. Public Law 2011, chapter 668 also renames the existing Predator Control and Deer Habitat Fund the "Maine Deer Management Fund." It requires that every application for a hunting license include checkoff options that allow a person to donate money to the fund for predator control or deer habitat enhancement. It also requires that \$2 of every deer registration fee be credited to the Maine Deer Management Fund and further requires that 50% of the funds deposited in the Maine Deer Management Fund from deer registration fees be used for predator control purposes and 50% to enhance deer habitat.