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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 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

This amendment replaces the concept draft. This amendment repeals the laws governing the supersport certificate and the landowner relations program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and replaces them with a new provision directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a broader and more inclusive landowner relations program. The amendment authorizes the commissioner to establish and issue for a fee a certificate to persons wishing to be recognized as supporting the program. The amendment establishes the Landowner Relations Fund to receive all fees from the sale of certificates as well as any other funds allocated or appropriated to the fund and any contributions from public or private sources. This amendment also adds the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the ex officio members of the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-819)

This amendment delays the repeal of the supersport certificate included in Committee Amendment "A," until January 1, 2013 and requires revenue from the sale of the certificate to be deposited in the Landowner Relations Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law of 2011, chapter 576 repeals the laws governing the supersport certificate and the landowner relations program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and replaces them with a new provision directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a broader and more inclusive landowner relations program. It authorizes the commissioner to establish and issue for a fee a certificate to persons wishing to be recognized as supporting the program. It establishes the Landowner Relations Fund to receive all fees from the sale of certificates as well as any other funds allocated or appropriated to the fund and any contributions from public or private sources. It also adds the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the ex officio members of the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board.

Public Law 2011, chapter 576 also delays the repeal of the supersport certificate until January 1, 2013, and requires revenue from the sale of the certificate to be deposited in the Landowner Relations Fund.

**LD 1652 An Act To Ensure a Reliable Funding Stream for the Department of
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	JT RULE 309	

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow an applicant for a license or permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to make a donation to the department to be used for a wildlife management district identified by the applicant. It also directs the commissioner to seek long-term funding sources for the department and to work with the Public Utilities Commission and other entities to secure a portion of the fees paid for the use of state-owned land and assets within energy infrastructure corridors to help fund operations of the department. The commissioner must report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 15, 2013 on funding sources identified or secured.