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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.

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 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.

1. It repeals the 18% annual interest penalty for each day a watercraft, snowmobile or ATV registration agent is delinquent in forwarding collected fees to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and makes provisions for all agents the same.

2. It removes the provision that provides that a shareholder in a landowner association or in an S corporation that owns a certain amount and type of land is eligible to apply for an antlerless deer permit as a landowner.

3. It amends the law allowing resident student groups to fish for 3 days without a license to allow any student or youth group, not just residents, to be eligible for this privilege.

4. It amends the law establishing the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists. It removes the member of the general public and increases the number of taxidermists on the board to two.

5. It amends the law governing the distance a snowmobile can be operated on a public way for the purpose of crossing a public way, sidewalk or culvert from 300 yards to 500 yards.

6. It allows contractors of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use gill nets in the same manner that department personnel may use gill nets.

7. It removes the residency requirement for eligibility for a special antlerless deer permit for persons suffering from the loss of the use of both lower extremities.

Public Law 2011, chapter 533 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2012.

LD 1747   **An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Imposing Fees on Ice Fishing Shacks**   **PUBLIC 519 EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
SHAW DIAMOND	OTP-AM	H-734

This bill prohibits a municipality or political subdivision of the State from enacting any ordinance, law or rule imposing a tax or fee on ice fishing shacks on sources of public water supply and on coastal waters. Current law prohibits a municipality or political subdivision of the State from enacting any ordinance, law or rule imposing a tax or fee on ice fishing shacks on other waters in this State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-734)

This amendment removes from the bill reference to a municipality or political subdivision of the State imposing a tax on ice fishing shacks located on sources of public water supply or on coastal waters, because municipalities are not empowered by the State to levy such taxes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 519 prohibits a municipality or political subdivision of the State from enacting any ordinance, law or rule imposing a fee on ice fishing shacks on sources of public water supply and on coastal waters.

Public Law 2011, chapter 519 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2012.