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



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

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AND WILDLIFE**

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<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 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 43**

**An Act To Ban the Use of Nondegradable Hooks for Fishing**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAVIS             | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill requires that a hook used for fishing must be made of a material that degrades or decomposes. See enacted law summary for LD 42.

**LD 63**

**Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Allow Veterans with Lower Limb Loss To Obtain "Any-deer" Hunting Permits**

**RESOLVE 16**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DUNPHY            | OTP-AM                  | H-37                      |

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the hunting and trapping rules to issue an "any-deer" hunting permit to a veteran who has lost all or part of one or more lower limbs for the wildlife management districts that have "any-deer" hunting permit allocations.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)**

This amendment directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the hunting and trapping rules to issue an "any-deer" hunting permit for the wildlife management districts that have "any-deer" hunting permit allocations to a veteran who has lost all or part of one or more lower limbs and holds a valid resident disabled hunting license. It specifies that veterans eligible for the "any-deer" hunting permit allocations created through this resolve must hold a valid resident disabled veteran's hunting license.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 16 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the hunting and trapping rules to issue an "any-deer" hunting permit for the wildlife management districts that have "any-deer" hunting permit allocations to a veteran who has lost all or part of one or more lower limbs and holds a valid resident disabled hunting license. This resolve specifies that veterans eligible for the "any-deer" hunting permit allocations created through this resolve must hold a valid resident disabled veteran's hunting license.

**LD 79**

**An Act To Allow a Junior Hunter To Shoot Any Deer on Opening Day of Hunting Season**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>  | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GIFFORD<br>COLLINS | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill allows a person who holds a junior hunting license to hunt a deer of any sex with a firearm or bow and arrow on the first day of the regular deer hunting season, in accordance with supervision guidelines and bag limit guidelines. See enacted law summary for LD 101.