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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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## 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**

This bill removes the requirement that a person who trains dogs on wild birds or wild animals on Sundays possess a valid hunting license.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-357)**

This amendment adds a provision to the bill that makes a person ineligible to train dogs on wild birds and wild animals if that person has a suspended or revoked license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 247 removes the requirement that a person who trains dogs on wild birds or wild animals on Sundays possess a valid hunting license and makes a person ineligible to train dogs on wild birds and wild animals if that person has a suspended or revoked license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Public Law 2013, chapter 247 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 13, 2013.

**LD 153      An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Hunting and Fishing License      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL SAVIELLO		

This bill eliminates the super pack license and replaces it with a comprehensive license that includes all hunting and fishing licenses and permits and entries into the moose and antlerless deer lotteries. The comprehensive license differs from the super pack license in that:

1. The holder is not allowed to take more deer than is permitted for other hunting license holders;
2. The license does not include an antlerless deer permit for use in wildlife management districts in which 3,500 such permits are issued;
3. The resident fee for the license is \$35 instead of \$200;
4. The license is available to nonresidents and aliens for a fee of \$125; and
5. There is no license fee category for a person who holds 2 or more lifetime licenses.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

See also enacted law summary for LD 229.

**LD 163      An Act To Increase the Number of Rafting Passengers Allowed for Licensed Outfitters on Unallocated Rivers      ONTP**

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

This bill increases the number of rafting passengers allowed on unallocated rapidly flowing rivers for licensed outfitters from 92 passengers per day to 120 passengers per day.

***Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife***

See enacted law summary for LD 281.

**LD 170      *Resolve, To Allow the Use of Live Bait When Ice Fishing in Certain Waters of the State***

**DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T THERIAULT	ONTP OTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reverse recent rulemaking that is effective April 1, 2013. Those proposals prohibit the use of live bait for ice fishing in specific lakes. The resolve also requires the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review the issue of live bait and authorizes the committee to submit legislation.

This resolve died between houses but see enacted law summary for LD 1191. Public Law 2013, chapter 358 allows the use of live bait on Millimagassett Lake, Millinocket Lake, Little Millinocket Lake and Webster Lake. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules for the use of live bait on waters that contain state heritage fish and have not been stocked since January 1, 1988.

**LD 172      *An Act To Make Permanent the Reciprocal Agreement between Maine and Other States Regarding a Snowmobile Weekend***

**PUBLIC 386**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-61

This bill makes permanent the reciprocal agreement between Maine and other states regarding a snowmobile weekend, which by current law is repealed on October 1, 2013.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)**

The amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 386 makes permanent the reciprocal agreement between Maine and other states regarding a snowmobile weekend, which by current law is repealed on October 1, 2013.

**LD 173      *An Act To Remove the Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary from the List of Wildlife Sanctuaries***

**PUBLIC 138**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP	

This bill removes Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary from the list of territories designated as wildlife sanctuaries subject to the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 138 removes Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary from the list of territories designated as wildlife sanctuaries subject to the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.