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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126th 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 126th 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 177 An Act To Expand Moose Hunting Opportunities

PUBLIC 226

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-167

This bill:

1. Increases the number of moose hunting permits issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife based on the latest moose population estimate. It provides that the increase is phased in over three years;
2. Changes the system for issuing moose permits from the current chance lottery system to a drawing in which persons who apply over a number of consecutive years may be guaranteed to receive a permit. It sets aside 15% of the permits for nonresidents and aliens. Ten percent of the permits must be auctioned to licensed guides and persons associated with sporting camps. The remainder of the permits are available to Maine residents; and
3. Provides that 25% of the revenues from the moose hunting application and permit system is deposited in the Moose Research and Management Fund and modifies the purposes of the fund to include addressing moose health issues and overbrowsing of land and promoting and marketing moose hunting.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)

This amendment replaces the bill with a provision requiring the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to alter the moose permit drawing system so that a resident 70 years of age or older who has at least 30 points is guaranteed a permit. The amendment also creates an option for a person to refuse a moose hunting permit but still retain that person's points if the person has been awarded a permit in a wildlife management district that the commissioner has designated as a road safety management area.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 226 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to alter the moose permit drawing system so that a resident 70 years of age or older who has at least 30 points is guaranteed a permit. This law also creates an option for a person to refuse a moose hunting permit but still retain that person's points if the person has been awarded a permit in a wildlife management district that the commissioner has designated as a road safety management area.

LD 199 An Act To Allow Agents Designated by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Hunt Coyotes at Night during the Deer Hunting Season

ONTP

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

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to appoint and authorize agents to hunt coyotes at night during any open season on deer. The commissioner is required to develop policies to make the affected public and affected law enforcement officers aware of any night hunting operations, including policies that ensure each agent notifies affected landowners of the agent's night hunting activities.

See bill summaries for LDs 96, 798, 970 and 1148.