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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 203 **An Act To Require Kayakers on Open Salt Water To Use a Personal Flotation Device**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires a person to wear a Coast Guard approved Type III personal flotation device while kayaking on open salt water on the internal waters of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-162)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that the requirement in the bill that a kayaker wear a Coast Guard approved Type III personal flotation device applies on the State's coastal waters instead of on the State's internal waters as proposed in the bill.

LD 229 **An Act To Simplify and Encourage the Sale of Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Permits**

**PUBLIC 322
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-523

This bill:

1. Extends the lifetime license system for hunting and fishing licenses to all individuals regardless of age;
2. Allows antlerless deer permits to be transferred to any other hunter, regardless of age;
3. Requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a task force composed of persons representing individuals and organizations that purchase licenses, permits and registrations issued by the department for the purpose of creating a plan to reduce the number of types of licenses, permits and registrations administered by the department. The department must submit the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2013, together with draft legislation necessary to implement the recommendations. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature;
4. Requires the department to develop a plan for updating its online system for persons to purchase licenses and registrations, known as the Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System. The department must submit its plan, together with a proposed budget for implementing the plan, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by April 1, 2013. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and
5. Requires the department to develop a plan to simplify and streamline the eligibility requirements for and issuance of complimentary licenses, the laws governing license revocations and the laws governing hunting, including age restrictions, equipment restrictions and supervision requirements. The plan must extend the supervisory requirements for apprentice hunters to junior hunters and make supervisory requirements for hunting consistent with those that apply to trapping. The department is required to submit the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2013, together with draft legislation necessary to