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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 254**      **Resolve, To Establish the Northern Maine Advisory Task Force on Deer**      **ONTP**

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

This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This resolve proposes to establish the Northern Maine Advisory Task Force on Deer. The task force would be charged with examining deer predation and ways to improve the deer population in northern Maine and with reporting its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, which may report out a bill on the subject matter of the task force's report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**LD 264**      **An Act To Allow Crossbow Hunting during Muzzle-loading Season**      **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

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

This bill allows a licensed crossbow hunter to hunt deer during the muzzle-loading deer hunting season.

**LD 268**      **An Act To Improve Snowmobiling in the State**      **ONTP**

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

This bill raises the annual registration fee for a snowmobile for a resident and nonresident by \$20 and the 3-consecutive-day nonresident registration fee by \$7 and dedicates \$27 from each registration to the Snowmobile Trail Fund, under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1893. The bill also establishes a nonresident 7-consecutive-day registration for \$75.

See bill summary for LD 89 and enacted law summary for LD 1263.

**LD 280**      **Resolve, Concerning Rights-of-way over Eastern Road in Scarborough**      **RESOLVE 11**

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

This resolve ratifies certain conveyances made by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that granted access to Eastern Road in the Town of Scarborough. These nonexclusive easements were determined by the department or the United States Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to significantly or unreasonably interfere with any use for which the Eastern Road was acquired.

## Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

### Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 11 ratifies certain conveyances made by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that granted access to Eastern Road in the Town of Scarborough. These nonexclusive easements were determined by the department or the United States Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to significantly or unreasonably interfere with any use for which the Eastern Road was acquired.

#### LD 281 An Act To Reform Maine's Whitewater Rafting Laws

PUBLIC 245

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUTREMBLE SHAW	OTP-AM	S-230

This bill clarifies that allocations may be transferred to any licensed outfitter, not only companies with allocations.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (S-230)

This amendment changes the bill's title and strikes and replaces the bill but retains the bill's change clarifying that allocations may be transferred to any licensed outfitter. It provides that a commercial whitewater outfitter is allowed to carry up to 120 passengers on unallocated days. It also repeals all language related to affiliated outfitters and limits to three the number of licenses that an outfitter may possess on allocated rivers.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 245 allows allocations to be transferred to any licensed outfitter, not only companies with allocations. It provides that a commercial whitewater outfitter is allowed to carry up to 120 passengers on unallocated days. It also repeals all language related to affiliated outfitters and limits to three the number of licenses that an outfitter may possess on allocated rivers.

#### LD 306 An Act To Exempt Members of the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs from Special Training Requirements for Archery and Trapping

PUBLIC 185  
EMERGENCY

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

This bill exempts an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs from the archery, crossbow and trapping education requirements for obtaining an archery hunting license, a crossbow hunting license or a trapping license.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 185 exempts an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs from the archery, crossbow and trapping education requirements for obtaining an archery hunting license, a crossbow hunting license or a trapping license.

Public Law 2013, chapter 185 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 31, 2013.