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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES  
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 543      An Act To Create Reciprocity of All-terrain Vehicle Registration with  
the State of New Hampshire**

**LEAVE TO  
WITHDRAW**

Sponsor(s)

BRIGGS  
PATRICK

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill allows an ATV registered in New Hampshire to be operated in Maine without being registered in Maine as long as New Hampshire provides reciprocity for ATVs registered in Maine.

**LD 544      An Act To Give Certain Landowners First Priority for Antlerless Deer  
Permits**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

BRIGGS  
JACKSON T

Committee Report

ONTP  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends the current antlerless deer hunting permit system to require that all antlerless deer permits available in a wildlife management district be issued to landowners who own at least 25 contiguous acres of land open to hunting by the public and have applied for the permit. It also provides that if the number of available antlerless deer permits in a wildlife management district exceeds the number of eligible landowner applications, the remaining permits must be issued to junior hunters who have applied for an antlerless deer permit in that district.

**LD 545      An Act To Enhance the Protection of Native Fish Species**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

JONES

Committee Report

ONTP  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill:

1. Changes the class of the crimes of illegal stocking of fish and illegal use of live bait from Class E to Class C;
2. Provides that, if a person is convicted of introducing, importing or transporting live fish without a permit, the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required to revoke all fishing and hunting licenses held by that person, and that person is ineligible to obtain a fishing or hunting license for a period of at least 10 years from the date of conviction; and
3. Provides that possession or transportation of live fish without authorization gives rise to a permissible inference that the person possessing or transporting the live fish does so for the purpose of illegally introducing the fish into inland waters.