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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

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine certain issues with respect to the current status of brook trout and landlocked salmon in the State and recommend policies and develop a statewide plan to address these issues. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required to report by January 15, 2014 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with suggested legislation, and the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is authorized to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

See enacted law summary for LD 1191.

LD 705 An Act To Amend the Junior Hunting License Requirements

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill allows a junior hunting license to be issued to a person who attains 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, amends the age limitation for obtaining a hunting license to allow a hunting license to be issued to a person who attains 10 years of age in the calendar year of the hunting season.

LD 717 An Act To Provide Free Fishing Licenses to Certain Children in the Custody of the Department of Health and Human Services

PUBLIC 93

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

This bill allows a complimentary fishing license to be issued to any resident 16 or 17 years of age who is in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 93 allows a complimentary fishing license to be issued to any resident 16 or 17 years of age who is in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 730 An Act To Protect Maine's Loons by Banning Lead Sinkers and Jigs

PUBLIC 372

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL SHAW	OTP-AM ONTP	S-231 S-274 DUTREMBLE

This bill makes it illegal to sell or use lead sinkers and jigs weighing one ounce or less and measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Committee Amendment "A" (S-231)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of lead sinkers weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length and prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of unpainted lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length. Beginning September 1, 2016, the sale or offer for sale of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length is prohibited. Beginning September 1, 2017, the amendment prohibits the use of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-274)

This amendment delays the prohibition of the sale of bare lead jigs to September 1, 2016 and delays the prohibition of the use of bare lead jigs to September 1, 2017.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 372 prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of lead sinkers weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length and prohibits the sale, offer for sale and use of unpainted lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length. Beginning September 1, 2016, the sale or offer for sale of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length is prohibited. Beginning September 1, 2017, the use of all lead jigs weighing one ounce or less or measuring 2 1/2 inches or less in length is prohibited.

LD 736	An Act To Establish the Review Board of Appeals To Review the Denial of Hunting and Fishing Licenses	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T WOOD	ONTP	

This bill establishes the Review Board of Appeals within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review hunting and fishing license denials by the department.

LD 738	An Act To Promote the Northern Maine Economy and Support Maine's Sporting Camp Tradition	HELD BY GOVERNOR
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T WOOD	OTP-AM ONTP	S-305 S-340 HILL

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

This bill proposes to provide economic support for certain sporting camps by directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to offer for sale a certain number of moose permits for the camps' use. In order to qualify, a sporting camp must be a facility licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services that offers American plan fully guided taxable moose hunting packages. The moose permits would be transferable and valid for one-time use during the current season or the next season on an American plan fully guided hunt within the eligible camp's zone or up to 2 contiguous zones.

The following criteria must be considered when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife offers the moose