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126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND 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

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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LD 89 An Act To Establish a Deadline for Snowmobile Registration

ONTP

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

It requires that the fee for a resident snowmobile registration and for a nonresident seasonal snowmobile registration be paid on or before December 31st of the year prior to the year that the registration will be in effect and establishes a \$20 late fee.

LD 153 An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Hunting and Fishing License

ONTP

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

It eliminates the superpack license and replaces it with a comprehensive license that includes all hunting and fishing licenses and permits including entries into the moose and antlerless deer permit lotteries. The comprehensive license differs from the superpack license in that:

1. The license holder is not allowed to take more deer than is permitted for other hunting license holders;
2. The license does not include an antlerless deer permit for use in wildlife management districts in which 3,500 such permits are issued;
3. The resident fee for the license is \$35 instead of \$200;
4. The license is available to nonresidents and aliens for a fee of \$125; and
5. There is no license fee category for a person who holds two or more lifetime licenses.

LD 738 An Act To Promote the Maine Economy and Support Maine's Sporting Camp Tradition

PUBLIC 437

<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 was enacted by the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 126th and was held by the Governor; final disposition occurred at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

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

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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 two contiguous zones.

The following provisions apply when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife offers the moose permits for sale:

1. The total number of moose permits must be greater than the number issued in calendar year 2012;
2. All hunters must hold valid Maine hunting licenses;
3. The fee per permit is \$1,500;
4. The number of permits offered for sale to the sporting camps must be capped at 250; and
5. The revenue received from the sale of the permits must be used to offset any loss from the moose permit auction by youth conservation education programs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-305)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and creates a new moose hunting permit lottery system for hunting outfitters, who may sell or transfer the permits as part of a food, lodging and hunting package. The permits made available for this lottery, if any, will come from 10% of the number of permits that exceed 3,140, which is the total number of moose hunting permits issued in 2010. Individuals hunting with permits issued under this system must hunt with a licensed Maine guide. Proceeds of the new lottery system will be allocated to youth conservation education programs under certain conditions and any remainder will be allocated to the Moose Research and Management Fund.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-340)

This amendment lapses \$10,374 for each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus to offset the loss in revenue from changes made to moose permit fees.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 437 creates a new moose hunting permit lottery system for hunting outfitters, who may sell or transfer the permits as part of an eating, lodging and hunting package. The permits made available for this lottery, if any, will come from 10% of the number of permits that exceed 3,140, which is the total number of moose hunting permits that were issued in 2010. Individuals hunting with permits issued under this system must hunt with a licensed Maine guide. Proceeds of the new lottery system will be allocated to youth conservation education programs under certain conditions and any remainder will be allocated to the Moose Research and Management Fund. This law provides for the transfer of \$10,374 in both fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus to offset the loss in revenue from changes made to moose permit fees.

See also Public Law 2013, chapter 538 (LD 1667), which repeals Public Law 2013, chapter 437, section 1, and, for purposes of entry into the moose permit lottery and allocation of moose lottery permits, defines "hunting outfitter" to include sporting camp owner-operators who are licensed to provide package deals for food, lodging and the services of a guide. It prohibits the sale or transfer of the permit by a hunter who receives it through a hunting outfitter.