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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*

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-92)**

This amendment strikes everything in the bill except for the provision that allows a 100% disabled veteran who is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont to obtain free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses if that veteran's state has a reciprocal agreement with Maine.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 145 allows a 100% disabled veteran who is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont to obtain free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses if that veteran's state has a reciprocal agreement with Maine.

**LD 895**      **Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To**      **ONTP**  
**Amend Its Rules Regarding Required Setback Distances for Beaver**  
**Traps**

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

This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules pertaining to the required setback distances from active beaver dams and beaver houses for the setting, placing and tending of traps in order to expand the number of wildlife management districts for which no setback distance is required.

**LD 896**      **An Act To Allow Fox Hunting at Night**      **ONTP**

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

This bill establishes an open season for hunting fox at night in all counties of the State.

**LD 910**      **Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To**      **ONTP**  
**Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Bear Hunting Season**

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

This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues that exist during the overlapping of the bear hunting season when bait is allowed to be used and the bear hunting season when dogs are allowed to be used and report the results of its study to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2014. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to implement its recommendations related to the report.

See bill summary for LD 98 and enacted law summary for LD 1225.