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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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-117)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-345)

This amendment delays the effective date of the provisions of the bill until January 1, 2015.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 380 eliminates the requirement for a general nonresident junior fishing license for youths 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, so that, all youths under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license, whether they are a resident or not. The provisions of this bill are effective January 1, 2015.

LD 970 An Act To Eliminate Funding To Reduce Deer Predation

ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT

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

This bill eliminates funding to control deer predation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-362)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, eliminates funding to control deer predation. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to redirect all money provided to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for predator control, including funds contained in the Maine Deer Management Fund, to deer habitat enhancement.

LD 1005 An Act To Assist Hunters Transporting Animals for Registration

ONTP

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

This bill changes the requirements for the condition of a big game animal before being presented for registration. It allows for transporting dismembered carcasses if certain criteria are met.

LD 1015 An Act To Expand Crossbow Hunting

PUBLIC 236

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD	OTP-AM	H-274

This bill allows a person to hunt any wild bird or animal with a crossbow during any open season on that bird or animal and removes the restriction against using a crossbow within 100 feet of a dwelling.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

This amendment allows a person to hunt wild turkey with a crossbow during the spring open wild turkey hunting season established by rule. A person with a moose permit and that person's authorized subpermittee are both allowed to hunt moose with a crossbow during the open season on moose as established by rule and in accordance with the provisions for the lawful hunting of moose. Also, this amendment restores the restriction against using a crossbow within 100 feet of a dwelling, which is removed in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 236 allows a person to hunt any wild bird or animal with a crossbow during any open season on that bird or animal. This law allows a person to hunt bear with a crossbow during the open season on bear as provided in other law. It further allows a person to hunt wild turkey with a crossbow during the spring open wild turkey hunting season established by rule. A person with a moose permit and that person's authorized subpermittee are both allowed to hunt moose with a crossbow during the open season on moose as established by rule and in accordance with the provisions for the lawful hunting of moose. Finally, Public Law 2013, chapter 236 maintains the restriction against using a crossbow within 100 feet of a dwelling.

LD 1016 An Act Regarding the Buying and Selling of Animal Parts

PUBLIC 333

Sponsor(s)

DAVIS

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-359

This bill adds language to the law on buying and selling wild animals and wild birds that prohibits the purchase, sale, offer for sale or barter of any physical part of a wild animal or wild bird, and it adds certain parts that may be purchased or sold, such as naturally shed deer or moose antlers and finished wildlife products, including but not limited to tanned animal hides and taxidermy mounts.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-359)

This amendment does the following.

1. It clarifies that wild animal parts permitted to be bought and sold under the bill may not be attached to other parts of the animal.
2. It provides that a hide dealer's license is required to commercially buy, sell, barter or trade certain parts of animals or to buy, sell, barter or trade for any purpose, commercial or noncommercial, bear gall bladders, raw unfinished moose antlers and raw unfinished deer antlers.
3. It adds a confidentiality provision relating to reporting requirements for hide dealers to protect proprietary information.
4. It changes the class of crime for engaging in certain activities without a hide dealer's license from a Class E crime to a Class D crime.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 333 does the following.

1. It adds language to the law on buying and selling wild animals and wild birds that prohibits the purchase, sale, offer for sale or barter of any physical part of a wild animal or wild bird, and it adds certain parts that may be purchased or sold, such as naturally shed deer or moose antlers and finished wildlife products, including but not limited to tanned animal hides and taxidermy mounts.