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**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 127<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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i> .....	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i> .....	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ....	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 15, 2015. 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 22      An Act Regarding the Removal of Moorings and Floating Docks in  
Great Ponds During Ice-in Conditions**

**PUBLIC 105**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW GERZOFSKY	OTP-AM	H-34 H-137 SHAW

This bill requires the removal of mooring equipment protruding above the surface of great ponds on or before December 1st of each year.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)**

This amendment replaces the bill and authorizes a harbor master, a code enforcement officer or a board of county commissioners to direct the owner of a boat to remove that person's mooring or floating dock from a great pond if the harbor master, code enforcement officer or board of county commissioners determines that leaving the mooring or floating dock in during ice-in conditions would create a public safety hazard. It also states that a harbor master, code enforcement officer or board of county commissioners does not have the authority to direct the removal of a federally owned or state-owned mooring or floating dock.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-137)**

This amendment removes the provision in Committee Amendment "A" regarding the authority of a harbor master, code enforcement officer or board of county commissioners to direct the removal of a federally owned or state-owned mooring or floating dock.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 105 authorizes a harbor master, a code enforcement officer or a board of county commissioners to direct the owner of a boat to remove that person's mooring or floating dock from a great pond if the harbor master, code enforcement officer or board of county commissioners determines that leaving the mooring or floating dock in during ice-in conditions would create a public safety hazard.

**LD 88      An Act To Authorize Snowmobile Registration Reciprocity with the  
Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec**

**PUBLIC 130**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN R PATRICK	OTP	

This bill extends the reciprocity provision in current law allowing for operation in the State of snowmobiles registered in other states to the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 130 extends the reciprocity provision in current law allowing for operation in the State of snowmobiles registered in other states to the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec.