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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*

transferred, the transferor loses the right to take an antlerless deer under that permit but remains eligible, unless otherwise prohibited, to take an antlered deer in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13.

**LD 156**

**An Act To Eliminate the Minimum Age Requirement for a Junior Hunting License and Increase the Number of Times a Person May Hold an Apprentice Hunter License**

**PUBLIC 136**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD SAVIELLO	OTP-AM ONTP	H-105 S-123 DAVIS

This bill lowers the eligibility age for a junior hunting license from ten years of age to eight years of age.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and removes the minimum age requirement for a junior hunting license. This amendment also provides that the adult supervisor of the junior hunter must hold or have held a Maine hunting license or have successfully completed a hunter safety course. It also increases the number of times a person may hold an apprentice hunter license from twice to five times before becoming ineligible to purchase the license. This amendment provides an effective date of January 1, 2016.

**Senate Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-123)**

This amendment requires that hunters under 10 years of age must hold a junior hunting license and be in the presence of and under the effective control of an adult supervisor who remains at all times within 20 feet of the hunter.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 136 removes the minimum age requirement for a person to hold a junior hunting license. It provides that hunters under 10 years of age must hold a junior hunting license and be in the presence of and under the effective control of an adult supervisor who remains at all times within 20 feet of the hunter. Chapter 136 also provides that the adult supervisor of the junior hunter must hold or have held a Maine hunting license or have successfully completed a hunter safety course.

Public Law 2015, chapter 136 increases the number of times a person may hold an apprentice hunter license from twice to five times before becoming ineligible to purchase the license.

Public Law 2015, chapter 136 has an effective date of January 1, 2016.

**LD 157**

**An Act To Create an Advisory Committee To Review and Make Recommendations Regarding Hunting and Fishing Laws**

**ONTP**

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

This bill creates the Hunting and Fishing Law Review Advisory Committee under the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review inland fisheries and wildlife laws and rules and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding any necessary changes. It also directs the Hunting and Fishing Law Review Advisory Committee to conduct an annual survey of holders of fishing and hunting licenses on various inland fisheries and wildlife issues in the State.