

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<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**

August 2015

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. PAUL T. DAVIS, SR., CHAIR  
SEN. SCOTT W. CYRWAY  
SEN. DAVID E. DUTREMBLE

REP. MICHAEL A. SHAW, CHAIR  
REP. ROLAND DANNY MARTIN  
REP. STANLEY BYRON SHORT, JR.  
REP. ROBERT W. ALLEY, SR.  
REP. DALE J. CRAFTS  
REP. STEPHEN J. WOOD  
REP. ROGER E. REED  
REP. PATRICK W. COREY  
REP. GARY L. HILLIARD  
REP. PETER A. LYFORD  
REP. MATTHEW DANA II

**STAFF:**

CURTIS BENTLEY, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS  
13 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1670

# STATE OF MAINE

127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION



## 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 158      Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To      ONTP**  
**Modify Fishing Rules for Webster Stream in Piscataquis County**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDGECOMB A EDGECOMB P	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Rule Chapter 1: Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations to establish for Webster Stream in Piscataquis County from the Telos Lake dam downstream to Webster Lake a daily bag limit of one trout, one landlocked salmon and one togue effective between August 16th and September 30th annually.

**LD 242      An Act To Allow Hunters To Wear Hunter Pink Instead of Hunter      Accepted Majority**  
**Orange in October in Recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month      (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill provides that during the month of October a hunter may wear pink hunter safety clothing in lieu of hunter orange clothing in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**LD 256      An Act To Allow Nonresident College Students To Obtain Hunting,      PUBLIC 226**  
**Fishing and Trapping Licenses at the Resident Fee and with Resident**  
**Privileges**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS	OTP-AM	S-170

This bill provides that a nonresident enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of higher education in this State is eligible for any trapping, fishing, hunting or combination fishing and hunting license or permit at the resident fee and has the same privileges as a resident of this State in regard to trapping, hunting and fishing.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-170)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that a nonresident student 18 years of age or older and under 24 years of age enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of higher education in this State is eligible for any hunting, fishing, trapping or combination hunting and fishing license or permit at the resident fee and has the same privileges as a resident holder of the license or permit. It also provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and not the commissioner's agent may issue these licenses and that each license must be stamped or otherwise identified as being issued to a nonresident student.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 226 provides that a nonresident student 18 years of age or older and under 24 years of age enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of higher education in this State is eligible for any hunting, fishing, trapping or combination hunting and fishing license or permit at the resident fee and has the same privileges as a resident holder of the license or permit. It also provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and not the commissioner's agent may issue these licenses and that each license must be stamped or otherwise identified

***Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife***

as being issued to a nonresident student.

**LD 257      An Act To Allow a Person To Take a 20-minute Break from Monitoring Ice Fishing Lines      ONTP**

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

This bill allows a person to leave that person's ice fishing lines unattended for up to 20 minutes every 2 hours.

**LD 275      An Act To Allow the Use of a Crossbow for Recreational Target Practice within 100 Yards of a Building without the Owner's Permission      PUBLIC 71**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD DAVIS	OTP-AM ONTP	H-61

Current law prohibits discharging a crossbow within 100 yards of a building or a residential dwelling without the permission of the owner or an authorized person. This bill removes that restriction.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It allows a landowner or the landowner's invitee to discharge a crossbow for recreational target practice purposes on the landowner's property within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling owned by another without the permission of the owner.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 71 allows a landowner or the landowner's invitee to discharge a crossbow for recreational target practice purposes on the landowner's property within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling owned by another without the permission of the owner.

**LD 291      An Act To Allow the Hunting of Small Game Animals with a Slingshot      ONTP**

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

This bill allows the use of a slingshot to hunt certain small game species designated by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**LD 296      An Act To Increase Economic Development in Rural Communities by Expanding Hunting Opportunities      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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