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**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**

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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.

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| <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*

recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 2, 2015.

**LD 608      An Act To Allow Junior, Senior and Veteran Hunters To Shoot      ONTP**  
**Antlerless Deer on the Opening Day of Hunting Season**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>     | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HANINGTON<br>WILLETTE | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill allows a licensed junior hunter, veteran or person who is 65 years of age or older to take an antlerless deer with a firearm on the first day of the regular deer hunting season and imposes a \$10 deer registration fee.

**LD 609      An Act To Provide an Incentive to Nonresident Landowners Who Own      CARRIED OVER**  
**More than 250 Acres To Keep That Land Open for Hunting**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARTIN J<br>DAVIS |                         |                           |

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue any hunting or fishing license at a reduced rate to a nonresident who owns more than 250 acres of land in this State and keeps that land open for hunting.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 992.

**LD 610      An Act To Provide That Inland Waters Stocked with Fish by the State      ONTP**  
**May Not Open for Ice Fishing until the Next January 1st**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>   | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| TIMBERLAKE<br>DAVIS | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill requires inland waters stocked with fish by the State to be closed to ice fishing until the January 1st of the calendar year following the year in which stocking occurred.

**LD 639      An Act To Allow Certain Youths To Take a Deer of Either Sex      ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAVIS<br>LONG     | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill allows a person who is at least 10 years of age and under 15 years of age who holds a junior hunting license to take multiple antlered or antlerless deer without a permit during the years of the junior hunter's eligibility.