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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 128th 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.

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 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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

This bill allows hunting on Sundays on private property with the permission of the landowner.

LD 110 An Act To Assist Island and Coastal Communities with Controlling Excess Deer Populations ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to address the problem of excess populations of deer in island and coastal communities.

LD 187 Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY M DAVIS P	ONTP	

This resolve creates the Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules. The commission is required to submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 16, 2018.

LD 188 An Act To Allow Dipping for Smelt on King Pond in Hancock County Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill allows a person to fish for smelt by use of a dip net in King Pond in the Town of Great Pond in Hancock County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, repeals on January 1, 2020 the section that allows smelt fishing in King Pond.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 189 An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sunday in Aroostook County and Unorganized Townships in Western Maine Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAGGAN D SAVIELLO T	ONTP OTP	

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

This bill creates an exception to the prohibition against hunting wild birds on Sunday. The bill allows hunting wild birds on Sunday in Aroostook County and in unorganized townships in the counties of Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Cumberland and York.

LD 190 An Act To Allow Spearfishing for Northern Pike in Sebago Lake ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ORDWAY L DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill allows the use of a spear or speargun to fish for northern pike in Sebago Lake.

LD 191 An Act To Allow Open Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Weekends and Events PUBLIC 97

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-90

This bill establishes, beginning July 1, 2018, a three-day all-terrain vehicle registration reciprocity with the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment repeals the provision of law that allows a snowmobile registered in another state or the Canadian province of New Brunswick or Quebec to operate in Maine for at least three consecutive days without being registered in this State if that other state or province extends that reciprocity to a snowmobile registered in this State. Instead, this amendment allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish one three-day period annually during which a nonresident may operate in Maine a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registered in another state or any Canadian province.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 97 repeals the provision of law that allows a snowmobile registered in another state or the Canadian province of New Brunswick or Quebec to operate in Maine for at least three consecutive days without being registered in this State if that other state or province extends that reciprocity to a snowmobile registered in this State. Instead, Public Law 2017, chapter 97 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish one three-day period annually during which a nonresident may operate in Maine a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registered in another state or any Canadian province.

LD 222 An Act Regarding Maine's Moose Lottery ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P DESCHAMBAULT S	ONTP	

This bill restricts eligibility to apply for a moose hunting permit to residents, nonresidents and aliens eight years of age and older.