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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.

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LD 553 An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have Accumulated at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit

**PUBLIC 76
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
REED R	OTP-AM	H-68

This bill guarantees a moose permit to resident applicants who are 65 years of age or older and have accumulated 30 points or more in the public chance drawing for moose permits.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 76 guarantees a moose permit to resident applicants who are 65 years of age or older and have accumulated 30 points or more in the public chance drawing for moose permits.

Public Law 2017, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 21, 2017.

LD 555 An Act To Allow Owners of 25 Acres or More of Land That Is Open to the Public for Hunting To Take Any Deer without a Special Permit

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOLEY R COLLINS R	ONTP	

This bill allows a landowner of 25 acres or more who possesses a valid deer hunting license to take an antlerless deer on the landowner's property under that license during hunting season if the property is open to the public for hunting and not located in a wildlife management district that does not have antlerless deer permits issued.

LD 557 An Act To Revoke the Hunting and Fishing Licenses of a Person Charged with Defacing Property Posting Signs

PUBLIC 50

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-55

This bill prohibits destroying, tearing down, defacing or otherwise damaging property posting signs by hunters and provides for the one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person who is convicted of doing so.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-55)

The bill prohibits destroying, tearing down, defacing or otherwise damaging property posting signs by hunters and provides for the one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person who is convicted of doing so. This amendment provides for a one-year suspension of the person's fishing license as well.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 50 prohibits destroying, tearing down, defacing or otherwise damaging property posting signs by hunters and provides for the one-year suspension of the hunting and fishing licenses of a person who is

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convicted of doing so.

LD 558 An Act To Improve Moose Hunting

**PUBLIC 96
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-91

This bill specifies that hunters under eight years of age may not hunt moose but may purchase applications for moose hunting permits in order to accrue points in the public chance drawing for moose permits.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)

This amendment provides that hunters under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season are eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points in the public chance drawing for moose permits but are not eligible to receive a moose hunting permit. The amendment prohibits a person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season from being a subpermittee-designate or alternate subpermittee-designate.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 96 provides that hunters under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season are eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points in the public chance drawing for moose permits but are not eligible to receive a moose hunting permit. Public Law 2017, chapter 96 prohibits a person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season from being a subpermittee-designate or alternate subpermittee-designate.

Public Law 2017, chapter 96 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 28, 2017.

LD 587 An Act To Allow Fees To Be Charged for Wild Game Dinners

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill allows a person who has lawfully killed a wild animal to sell the meat of the animal at a wild game dinner or to the organizer of a wild game dinner. The bill defines "wild game dinner" as a single event where meat from a lawfully taken animal is cooked and sold to persons at the event for immediate consumption.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-84)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the provisions of the bill that allow a person to sell the meat of a lawfully killed wild animal at a wild game dinner or to the organizer of a wild game dinner, instead providing that a civic or charitable organization may serve at a wild game dinner meat from lawfully killed wild game that was donated to that organization.

This amendment was not adopted.