

# 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**  
128<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 2017

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. SCOTT W. CYRWAY, CHAIR  
SEN. DAVID WOODSOME  
SEN. MICHAEL E. CARPENTER

REP. ROBERT S. DUCHESNE, CHAIR  
REP. ROBERT W. ALLEY, SR.  
REP. DENISE PATRICIA HARLOW  
REP. CATHERINE M. NADEAU  
REP. PAUL A. STEARNS  
REP. STEPHEN J. WOOD  
REP. ROGER E. REED  
REP. PETER A. LYFORD  
REP. TIMOTHY S. THERIAULT  
REP. GINA M. MASON

**STAFF:**

CRAIG NALE, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS  
13 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1670  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/opla/>

# STATE OF MAINE

128<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 128<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.

*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 128<sup>th</sup> 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 limits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adding to the list of state heritage fish waters only those lakes and ponds identified as eastern brook trout waters and arctic charr waters that according to reliable records have not been stocked for at least 25 years or have never been stocked.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

### **LD 1391      An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E	OTP-AM	H-321

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

This bill proposes to identify long-term funding needs and possible funding sources for the landowner relations program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-321)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment provides \$150,000 per year to the Landowner Relations Fund, which funds the landowner relations program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to improve or maintain good relationships between landowners and outdoor recreationists.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

### **LD 1451      An Act To Promote Biosecurity and Better Regulate the Importation, Possession and Use of Aquatic Species      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A		

This bill prohibits certain fish, amphibians and aquatic invertebrates from being introduced, imported or possessed by a person in the State unless a permit to do so has been issued by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The bill provides that a permit is not required to introduce, import or possess other fish species kept in an aquarium. The bill prohibits the introduction, importation, transportation and possession of certain aquatic plants in the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

### **LD 1489      An Act To Authorize the Revocation, Suspension or Denial of a Guide License under Specified Circumstances      PUBLIC 204**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P	OTP-AM	S-206

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to revoke, suspend, refuse to issue or refuse to renew a guide license if the license holder has been convicted of committing a crime punishable by imprisonment for one year or more or is found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity of committing a crime punishable