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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 26 An Act To Provide Complimentary Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Retired Game Wardens with 25 Years of Service

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT T CYRWAY S	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows a retired game warden with 25 years of service to receive a complimentary lifetime license to hunt, trap and fish.

LD 27 An Act To Allow the Use of a Crossbow for a Limited Duration during the Archery Season on Deer and the Fall Season on Wild Turkey

PUBLIC 98

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT T CYRWAY S	OTP-AM	H-147

This bill allows crossbows to be used during the regular archery-only deer hunting season.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-147)

This amendment replaces the bill and the title. For a period of three years, beginning in 2020, it allows a person, in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to hunt deer with a crossbow during the open archery season on deer and the fall open season on hunting wild turkey. It specifies that a person using a crossbow during the open archery season may not harvest an antlerless deer unless that person possesses an antlerless deer permit. It also clarifies that, outside of this limited time period, the use of a crossbow to hunt wild turkey is allowed only during the spring open season on hunting wild turkey. Lastly, it requires the commissioner to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters that includes a recommendation on whether to continue to permit the use of a crossbow during the regular archery season and the fall open season on hunting wild turkey and whether the commissioner allowed the use of a crossbow during a special archery season on deer and, if so, whether the use should continue to be permitted. The committee may report out a bill based on the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 98 allows a person for a period of three years, beginning in 2020, and in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to hunt deer with a crossbow during the open archery season on deer and to hunt wild turkey during the fall open season on hunting wild turkey. It specifies that a person using a crossbow during the open archery season may not harvest an antlerless deer unless that person possesses an antlerless deer permit. It also clarifies that, outside of this limited time period, the use of a crossbow to hunt wild turkey is allowed only during the spring open season on hunting wild turkey. Lastly, it requires the commissioner to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters that includes a recommendation on whether to continue to permit the use of a crossbow during the regular archery season and the fall open season on hunting wild turkey and whether the commissioner allowed the use of a crossbow during a special archery season on deer and, if so, whether the use should continue to be permitted. The committee may report out a bill based on the report.