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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<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 129<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 129<sup>th</sup> 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 33      Resolve, To Encourage the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Establish a Youth Turkey Hunting Day during the Fall Season**

**RESOLVE 18**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MOORE M	OTP-AM	H-68

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a special youth hunting season from the Monday prior to Thanksgiving Day to the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day during which youth hunters with a valid junior hunting license may harvest one wild turkey.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to consider establishing a special youth turkey hunting day during the fall season, which the commissioner has statutory authority to do.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 18 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to consider establishing a special youth turkey hunting day during the fall season, which the commissioner has statutory authority to do.

**LD 56      An Act To Ban the Use of Personal Watercraft on Lower Wilson Pond and Upper Wilson Pond**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P	ONTP	

This bill prohibits the use of personal watercraft on Lower Wilson Pond in the Town of Greenville and Upper Wilson Pond in the Town of Greenville and Bowdoin College Grant West Township.

**LD 74      An Act To Reform Maine's Fish and Wildlife Management System**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would reform Maine's fish and wildlife management system.

**LD 79      An Act To Protect Shooting Ranges**

**PUBLIC 14**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COREY P BLACK R	OTP	

***Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife***

This bill allows the discharge of a firearm on a sport shooting range that is within 100 yards of a building if the sport shooting range was established and in regular operation prior to the erection of the building.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 14 allows the discharge of a firearm on a sport shooting range that is within 100 yards of a building if the sport shooting range was established and in regular operation prior to the erection of the building.

**LD 121      An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To      PUBLIC 190**  
**Promote Safety with Respect to the Handling or Use of Firearms,**  
**Watercraft, All-terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles and in Other Outdoor**  
**Activities**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEAU R	OTP-AM	H-276

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop and implement a program focused on increasing the awareness and education of the public on matters relating to firearm safety and the prevention of firearm violence. The program may include, but is not limited to, print, radio, television and Internet advertising, the distribution of written materials and the offering or facilitation of public events.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-276)**

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Division of Public Information and Education to annually undertake campaigns to promote safety in the handling and use of firearms, watercraft, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. The division is also directed to promote safety with respect to other outdoor activities to the extent the division determines such campaigns would help improve safety. The campaigns must be designed to reach the target audiences effectively through television, radio, Internet or other communication mediums.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 190 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Division of Public Information and Education to annually undertake campaigns to promote safety in the handling and use of firearms, watercraft, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. The division is also directed to promote safety with respect to other outdoor activities to the extent the division determines such campaigns would help improve safety. The campaigns must be designed to reach the target audiences effectively through television, radio, Internet or other communication mediums.

**LD 175      An Act To Extend the Deer Hunting Season by 2 Saturdays      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This bill extends the end of the regular firearm deer hunting season by two Saturdays.