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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 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 188 An Act To Provide for an Expanded Muzzle-loading-only Deer Hunting Season ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MOORE M	ONTP	

This bill requires that muzzle-loading season on deer extends for 12 hunting days immediately following the regular deer hunting season instead of being determined by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD 190 An Act To Provide Antlerless Deer Permits to Senior Resident Lifetime Hunting License Holders ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUTCHINS S	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person 65 years of age or older who possesses a valid senior resident lifetime hunting license must receive a permit to lawfully take an antlerless deer in any part of the State open to the taking of antlerless deer.

LD 212 An Act To Provide a Source of Funding for the ATV Recreational Management Fund and To Establish the ATV Enforcement Fund PUBLIC 75 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-86

This bill increases ATV registration fees from \$33 to \$45 for annual registrations for residents, from \$53 to \$65 for seven-day registrations for nonresidents and from \$68 to \$80 for one-year registrations for nonresidents. The bill provides that the increased fee revenue be deposited in the ATV Recreational Management Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)

This amendment replaces the bill and adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and an appropriations and allocations section. It creates the ATV Enforcement Fund, which is a nonlapsing fund that is funded with \$10 from each nonresident ATV registration fee collected. Money from the fund is required to be used for the enforcement of ATV laws, ATV education and the purchase of necessary machinery or equipment related to ATV safety and enforcement activities.

Like the bill, this amendment increases the ATV registration fee from \$33 to \$45 for annual registrations for residents. It also increases from \$53 to \$75 7-day registrations for nonresidents and from \$68 to \$90 for one-year registrations for nonresidents. The amendment requires \$12 of each registration fee to be deposited in the ATV Recreational Management Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 75 creates the ATV Enforcement Fund, which is a nonlapsing fund that is funded with \$10 from each nonresident ATV registration fee collected. Money from the fund is required to be used for the enforcement of ATV laws, ATV education and the purchase of necessary machinery or equipment related to ATV safety and enforcement activities.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

This law increases the ATV registration fee from \$33 to \$45 for annual registrations for residents. It also increases from \$53 to \$75, the registration fee for seven-day registrations for nonresidents and from \$68 to \$90 for one-year registrations for nonresidents. The amendment requires \$12 of each registration fee to be deposited in the ATV Recreational Management Fund.

Public Law 2019, chapter 75 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 1, 2019.

**LD 235 An Act To Increase Funding To Contain and Manage the Spread of
Invasive Aquatic Species**

PUBLIC 264

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RISEMAN W MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM	H-309

This bill increases the fees for the lake and river protection stickers that are required for all resident and nonresident motorboats, personal watercraft and seaplanes operating on inland waters of the State as follows.

1. Beginning January 1, 2020, the fee for resident motorboats and personal watercraft is increased by \$8 and the fee for nonresident motorboats, nonresident personal watercraft and seaplanes is increased by \$10.
2. Beginning January 1, 2022, the fee for resident motorboats and personal watercraft is increased by an additional \$2 and the fee for nonresident motorboats, nonresident personal watercraft and seaplanes is increased by an additional \$5.
3. Beginning January 1, 2024, the fee for resident motorboats and personal watercraft is increased by an additional \$2 and the fee for nonresident motorboats, nonresident personal watercraft and seaplanes is increased by an additional \$5.

The fee revenues from the sale of lake and river protection stickers are used to support the efforts of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection in preventing, eradicating and managing invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-309)

This amendment changes the fee increases proposed in the bill as follows.

1. Beginning January 1, 2020, the fee for resident motorboats and personal watercraft is increased by \$5 instead of \$8, and the fee for nonresident motorboats, nonresident personal watercraft and seaplanes is increased by \$15 instead of \$10.
2. Beginning January 1, 2021, instead of January 1, 2022, the fee for nonresident motorboats, nonresident personal watercraft and seaplanes is increased by an additional \$10, but the resident fee remains the same.

This amendment also changes the allocation of the fee between the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund and the Lake and River Protection Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 264 increases the fees for the lake and river protection stickers that are required for all resident and nonresident motorboats, personal watercraft and seaplanes operating on inland waters of the State as follows.