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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

12. Replaces the prohibition on operating a motorboat that exceeds noise limits with a prohibition on operating a marine engine that exceeds noise limits.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-315)

This amendment does the following.

- 1. It removes language in the bill regarding restitution to a landowner whose property is damaged because that remedy is already available under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 69.
- 2. It reallocates the section of the bill regarding penalties for bag limit and possession limit violations for upland game to the chapter that is specific to hunting.
- 3. It removes the section of the bill that prohibits a person convicted of domestic violence from owning or possessing a crossbow, a muzzleloader or archery or airbow equipment.
- 4. It reallocates the bill's provision in the law governing aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs and specifies that the property on which the offense occurs is designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in rules as open to fishing for only persons under 16 years of age or persons holding a complimentary fishing license.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1804 An Act Regarding the Baiting of Deer

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

DAVIS P

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to make changes to the laws regarding the baiting of deer.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1818 An Act To Clarify and Enhance Certain Maine Wildlife Laws

**PUBLIC 355
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

THERIAULT T

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-538

H-560 THERIAULT T

This bill does the following.

- 1. It amends the definition of "antlerless moose" to exclude moose with antlers that are shorter than their ears.
- 2. It allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prohibit or limit the feeding of deer, bear, moose and wild turkey if there is documented evidence of chronic wasting disease in a jurisdiction contiguous to the State or the commissioner has a reason to believe that the type or location of feed may create a public safety hazard or may have a detrimental effect on the wildlife.

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3. It provides consistency in the laws regulating the hunting or trapping of wild birds.
4. It changes the expiration date for a wildlife rehabilitation permit to December 31st of the second complete year after the date of issuance.
5. It updates the description of the boundary of the Beauchamp Sanctuary.
6. It clarifies that hunting is prohibited in the Megunticook Lake and Vicinity Sanctuary from April 1st to September 30th of each year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-538)

This amendment allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prohibit or limit the feeding of deer, bear, moose and wild turkey if there is documented evidence of chronic wasting disease within 50 miles of the border of the State.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-560)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 355 does the following.

1. It amends the definition of "antlerless moose" to exclude moose with antlers that are shorter than their ears.
2. It allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prohibit or limit the feeding of deer, bear, moose and wild turkey if there is documented evidence of chronic wasting disease within 50 miles of the border of the State or the commissioner has a reason to believe that the type or location of feed may create a public safety hazard or may have a detrimental effect on the wildlife.
3. It provides consistency in the laws regulating the hunting or trapping of wild birds.
4. It changes the expiration date for a wildlife rehabilitation permit to December 31st of the second complete year after the date of issuance.
5. It updates the description of the boundary of the Beauchamp Sanctuary.
6. It clarifies that hunting is prohibited in the Megunticook Lake and Vicinity Sanctuary from April 1st to September 30th of each year.

Public Law 2019, chapter 355 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2019.

LD 1824 An Act To Make Certain Snowmobile and Watercraft Laws Consistent with All-terrain Vehicle Laws

PUBLIC 452

Sponsor(s)

DAVIS P

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends certain laws governing snowmobiles and watercraft to make them consistent with laws governing all-terrain vehicles. Specifically, this bill:

1. Extends to operators of snowmobiles and watercraft certain penalties that apply to violations applicable to