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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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*

the commissioner, regardless of whether the person is exempt from hunter safety course requirements;

- 2. For a second violation, order that all licenses and permits issued to the person by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be suspended for a period of two years; and
- 3. For a third or subsequent violation, order that all licenses and permits issued to the person by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be permanently suspended.

The bill provides a mechanism for notice and opportunities for hearing and appeal of administrative action taken by the commissioner. This bill, which had not yet been voted by the committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 2003      An Act Regarding Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity      PUBLIC 652**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J	OTP	

This bill amends the law governing the issuance of permits to possess wildlife in captivity to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a notice of corrective action to a person who possesses wildlife in captivity without a permit and who is issued a permit by the commissioner.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 652 amends the law governing the issuance of permits to possess wildlife in captivity to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a notice of corrective action to a person who possesses wildlife in captivity without a permit and who is issued a permit by the commissioner.

**LD 2065      An Act To Address Decibel Level Limits for Airboats      PUBLIC 662**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM	H-752

This bill exempts airboats, which are defined as flat-bottomed watercraft propelled by an aircraft-type propeller and powered by either an aircraft engine or an automotive engine, from the noise level limits imposed on other watercraft. Instead, this bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish noise level limits for airboats by routine technical rules.

This bill also requires the Joint Standing Committee of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources to jointly solicit and collect information regarding airboats, including uses of airboats, noise levels and complaints and suggestions for reducing complaints regarding the use of airboats, from interested parties, such as harbor masters, town clerks and residents of coastal towns and airboat users and sellers. Based on the suggestions, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources are authorized to implement legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature to implement whatever suggestions the commissioners determine are necessary.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-752)**

This amendment clarifies that the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding