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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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- B. In a manner that results in the hunting dog entering the property of another, if a hunting dog has been previously found on that property and any dog handler of the hunting dog has been notified in writing by a law enforcement officer within the previous 365 days that the landowner does not permit hunting dogs on the property.

### **LD 1992 An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Turkey**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 704 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules allowing for the electronic registration of turkey beginning in 2023.
2. It does not require registration or tagging of turkey hunted in the fall 2022 season.
3. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by November 2, 2022 on additional statutory changes needed in order to facilitate the electronic tagging of turkey. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill related to electronic tagging to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

### **LD 1663 An Act To Improve Boating Safety on Maine Waters**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 656 does the following.

1. Beginning on January 1, 2024, it creates a mandatory boating safety and education course requirement for a person born on or after January 1, 1999 to operate a motorboat of more than 25 horsepower or equivalent on inland waters of the state.
2. Beginning January 1, 2024, it requires anyone born on or after January 1, 1999, who is operating a personal watercraft on inland waters of the state, to complete a boater safety and education course.
3. Beginning January 1, 2024, it prohibits a person born after 1999 from supervising a person under the age of 12 who operates a motorboat propelled by machinery of more than 10 horsepower or equivalent upon inland waters of the state unless that supervisor is at least 16 years of age and has completed a boater safety and education course.
4. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife convene a stakeholder group on boating safety and education. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to

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provide a report to the Legislature by January 3, 2024 on its findings. After receiving the report, the committee with jurisdiction over matters of inland fisheries and wildlife has authority to report out a bill relating to boating safety to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.