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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. 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 614 An Act to Reduce Conflicts Between Landowners and Deer and Add an Additional Youth Deer Hunting Day**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 593 makes the following changes related to the laws administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

1. It requires that funds from the Maine Deer Management Fund, within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, be used to help reduce conflicts between landowners and deer and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to add a checkoff option on the department's online licensing system that allows a person to donate money for landowner-deer conflict prevention and management.
2. It removes the provision that \$2 of each deer registration fee deposition in the Maine Deer Management Fund be used for predator control and deer habitat purposes and instead provides that this money may be used to assist landowners with the prevention or management of deer conflicts.
3. It requires that revenue deposited in the Maine Deer Management Fund from antlerless deer permit fees, minus administrative costs, must be used for predator control purposes or to acquire or manage deer habitat.
4. It extends the youth deer hunting period from one day to two days and establishes that the period takes place on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Saturday designated as an open day for residents of the State.
5. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, by February 1, 2027, to provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the changes to youth deer hunting and gives the committee the authority to report out a bill based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

### **LD 1049 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to Address Aquatic Invasive Species**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 148 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish a process to plan for actions to control and prevent further spread of aquatic invasive species as fish passages are improved and fish barriers are removed statewide. The resolve directs the departments to include a requirement in the memorandum that the memorandum be updated at least every five years and that the departments provide notice to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters any time the