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LD 38 An Act To Allow Holders of Junior Hunting Licenses To Take Antlerless Deer ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HARVELL | ONTP | |

This bill allows a junior hunter to lawfully take an antlerless deer during the open season on deer and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to designate which wildlife management districts are open to the taking of antlerless deer by a junior hunter.

LD 56 An Act To Allow the Owner of Waterfront Property To Fish That Body of Water without a Fishing License ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| RIOUX THIBODEAU | ONTP | |

This bill allows the owner of waterfront property on a great pond to fish that great pond without a fishing license and the owner of waterfront property on a river or stream to fish that river or stream from that person's property without a fishing license.

LD 78 An Act To Allow Antlerless Deer Permits To Be Transferred to Family Members ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KNIGHT SHERMAN | ONTP | |

This bill allows a person who holds a valid antlerless deer permit to transfer that permit to an immediate family member who holds a valid hunting license.

LD 94 An Act Regarding the Moose Lottery ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TUTTLE PATRICK | ONTP | |

This bill modifies the point system for the moose hunting permit lottery to improve a person's chances in the lottery the longer that person has not been awarded a moose permit.

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LD 101 An Act To Institute a Snaring Program for Coyotes ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| JACKSON | ONTP | |

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

It proposes to institute a snaring program for coyotes.

**LD 107 An Act To Allow Trapping in Northern Maine without the Written LEAVE TO
Consent of the Landowner WITHDRAW**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HARVELL MARTIN T | LV/WD | |

Current law requires a trapper to obtain written permission from the landowner or occupant of certain property before setting traps on that person's property. This bill limits that requirement to portions of the State situated south of Route 2 west of Bangor and south of Route 9 east of Bangor.

LD 108 An Act To Amend the Fees for Infant Lifetime Licenses PUBLIC 268

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HARVELL TRAHAN | OTP-AM | H-391 |

This bill changes the license fee for an infant lifetime hunting license for nonresidents to \$150 from \$450.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)

This amendment replaces the bill. The bill proposes to reduce the fee for an infant lifetime hunting license for a nonresident from \$450 to \$150, which is the same fee as for a resident. This amendment reduces the fees on all infant lifetime licenses for nonresidents by approximately 55% between December 1, 2011 and March 1, 2015. It also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on the fiscal impact of reducing the fees for the nonresident infant lifetime licenses by January 5, 2015 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 20011, chapter 268 reduces the fee for an infant lifetime hunting license for a nonresident from \$450 to \$150, which is the same fee as for a resident. It also reduces the fees on all infant lifetime licenses for nonresidents by approximately 55% between December 1, 2011 and March 1, 2015. Public Law 2011, chapter 268 requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on the fiscal impact of reducing the fees for the nonresident

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infant lifetime licenses by January 5, 2015 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

LD 112 An Act To Discourage Illegal Dumping in the State

PUBLIC 208

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SHAW DIAMOND | OTP-AM | H-97 S-113 MARTIN T |

This bill allows a court to order the surrender of any license, permit, certification or registration issued by any department or agency of the State held by a person who violates the Maine Litter Control Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-97)

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following.

1. It increases the fine for subsequent offenses of illegally disposing of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter from a minimum of \$200 to \$500 and the maximum from \$500 to \$1,000.
2. It amends the fine structure for subsequent offenses of illegally disposing of 15 pounds or more or 27 cubic feet or more of litter by increasing the minimum fine to \$2,000.
3. It provides that the court shall require a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter to pay a party sustaining damages treble the actual damages or \$200, whichever amount is greater, plus the injured party's court costs and attorney's fees.
4. It provides that the court shall require a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter to perform not less than 100 hours of public service relating to the removal of litter.
5. It provides that the court, when practical, shall require a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter to remove the litter.
6. It provides that in the case of a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter, the court shall suspend that person's motor vehicle operator's license and certain licenses, permits and registrations issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The court may also suspend any license, permit, registration or certification issued by a state agency or municipality to the person. It exempts a professional license, permit, registration or certification required for that person to operate or establish a business or necessary for the person's primary source of employment unless the items dumped were related to the person's profession or occupation.
7. It provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board shall establish a program to work with courts to identify public service opportunities for violators of litter control laws that could improve landowner and sportsman relations.

Senate Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-113)

This amendment changes the suspension of a motor vehicle operator's license for illegal dumping as specified in Committee Amendment "A" from a mandatory penalty to an optional penalty. It also clarifies that a motor vehicle operator's license may not be suspended by the court if it is necessary for the person's primary source of

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employment unless the dumping was related to the person's operator's license.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 208 does the following:

1. It increases the fine for subsequent offenses of illegally disposing of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter from a minimum of \$200 to \$500 and the maximum from \$500 to \$1,000;
2. It amends the fine structure for subsequent offenses of illegally disposing of 15 pounds or more or 27 cubic feet or more of litter by increasing the minimum fine to \$2,000;
3. It provides that the court shall require a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter to pay a party sustaining damages treble the actual damages or \$200, whichever amount is greater, plus the injured party's court costs and attorney's fees;
4. It provides that the court shall require a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter to perform not less than 100 hours of public service relating to the removal of litter;
5. It provides that the court, when practical, shall require a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter to remove the litter;
6. It provides that in the case of a person who illegally dumps more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter, the court may suspend that person's motor vehicle operator's license for a period of not less than 30 days or more than one year and requires the court to suspend certain licenses, permits and registrations issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The court may also suspend any license, permit, registration or certification issued by a state agency or municipality to the person. It exempts a motor vehicle operator's license, professional license, permit, registration or certification required for that person to operate or establish a business or necessary for the person's primary source of employment unless the items dumped were related to the person's profession or occupation; and
7. It provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board shall establish a program to work with courts to identify public service opportunities for violators of litter control laws that could improve landowner and sportsman relations.

LD 133 An Act To Extend Native American Hunting Rights

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| JOHNSON P | ONTP | |

Under current law, a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs over 10 years of age may obtain a free lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing license that includes all permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish. Holders of such a license are subject to the same laws as other holders of hunting, trapping or fishing licenses with respect to trespassing on the land of others. This bill permits a member of any other federally recognized tribe who is a resident of this State to receive the same license.

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LD 134 An Act To Protect Native Landlocked Salmon Fisheries from Invasive Fish Species

PUBLIC 24

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAVIS THOMAS | OTP-AM | H-33 |

This bill prohibits the construction of a fishway or fish bypass structure at the dam on the outlet of Sebec Lake in the Town of Sebec and at the dam on the Sebec River in the Town of Milo that would allow the upstream passage of an invasive fish species known to be present downstream in the Piscataquis River or Penobscot River drainage.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-33)

This amendment gives the provisions of section 2 of the bill priority over other contrary provisions of law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 24 prohibits the construction of a fishway or fish bypass structure at the dam on the outlet of Sebec Lake in the Town of Sebec and at the dam on the Sebec River in the Town of Milo that would allow the upstream passage of an invasive fish species known to be present downstream in the Piscataquis River or Penobscot River drainage.

LD 137 An Act To Allow the Use of Crossbows during the Archery Season

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(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HARVELL JACKSON | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This bill allows the use of crossbows during the regular archery season.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. It authorizes the use of crossbows during the expanded archery season on deer for 2 years. It also directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the impact of allowing the use of crossbows during the expanded archery season on deer by January 15, 2013.

LD 151 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Add One or More Moose Hunting Seasons in Wildlife Management District No. 8

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(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SHAW SHERMAN | ONTP MAJ OTP MIN | |

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This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the rules for Wildlife Management District No. 8 to add one or more 6-day moose hunting seasons to the one 6-day season already established by rule.

LD 161 An Act To Enhance Hunting for Maine Residents over 70 Years of Age

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TIMBERLAKE HASTINGS | ONTP MAJ OTP MIN | |

This bill allows a resident of the State over 70 years of age to receive a special antlerless deer permit.

LD 163 An Act To Auction Off Moose Permits to Hunting Lodges

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SHAW MARTIN T | ONTP | |

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to auction off 250 moose hunting permits each year to owners of hunting lodges. The 250 moose hunting permits to be auctioned off to outfitters are in addition to those moose hunting permits allotted under the regular lottery system.

LD 173 Resolve, To Allow the Possession of an Unlimited Number of Game Birds

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MACDONALD | ONTP | |

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules governing hunting and trapping to allow the possession of an unlimited number of game birds.

LD 175 An Act To Create a Short-term All-terrain Vehicle Registration System

PUBLIC 116

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GILBERT PATRICK | OTP-AM | H-195 |

This bill creates a short-term registration system for all-terrain vehicles for nonresidents similar to the short-term registration system established for snowmobiles.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-195)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause and the proposed distribution of the registration fees. It makes the Act effective May 1, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 116 creates a 7-day registration for all-terrain vehicles for nonresidents starting on May 1, 2012 for a fee of \$53.

LD 200 An Act To Provide Complimentary Any-Deer Permits to Persons 70 Years of Age and Older ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CURTIS THIBODEAU | ONTP | |

This bill allows residents 70 years of age or older to receive a complimentary antlerless deer permit.

LD 211 An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Hall Pond in Paris ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HASTINGS | ONTP | |

This bill prohibits the operation of all motorboats, snowmobiles, ATVs and personal watercraft on Hall Pond in the Town of Paris.

LD 212 An Act To Clarify and Amend Laws Pertaining to Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PLOWMAN | ONTP | |

This bill corrects an inconsistency in the fishing license laws resulting from recent fee increases. It clarifies the reporting requirements for agents in order to avoid delinquencies with seasonal agents, and it improves the privacy of Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife customers. This bill also allows a person who is eligible for a senior lifetime hunting and fishing license to obtain it at any time in the calendar year that person turns 70 years of age and makes it clear it includes all stamps, permits and other related permissions.

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LD 213 An Act To Provide Funding for the Fish Stocking Program Carried Over

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| THIBODEAU | | |

This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 for fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 for the purchase of fish for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish stocking program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-110)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 223 An Act To Require Written Permission for Recreational Access to ONTP
Cropland, Pastureland and Orchards

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SAVIELLO | ONTP | |

This bill provides that a person engaging in a recreational activity regulated under the inland fisheries and wildlife laws may not conduct that activity on privately owned cropland or pastureland or in a privately owned orchard without the written permission of the landowner or lessee.

LD 251 Resolve, To Establish the Wilderness Rescue Task Force RESOLVE 15

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TUTTLE | OTP-AM | H-32 |

This bill establishes the Wilderness Rescue Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the purpose of establishing first aid equipment stations in areas where first aid equipment may not be readily available for search and rescue operations by the department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-32)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create the Wilderness Rescue Task Force to study the necessity and feasibility of establishing first aid stations and helicopter landing areas in remote locations where access and first aid supplies may not be readily available to search and rescue personnel. The amendment requires the department to report the task force's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 1, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

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Resolve 2011, chapter 15 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create the Wilderness Rescue Task Force to study the necessity and feasibility of establishing first aid stations and helicopter landing areas in remote locations where access and first aid supplies may not be readily available to search and rescue personnel. It also requires the department to report the task force's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 1, 2012.

**LD 254 An Act To Amend the Standards by Which Law Enforcement Officers PUBLIC 248
May Stop an All-terrain Vehicle Operating on Private Property**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SARTY DIAMOND | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-160 |

Current law provides that a game warden may stop an all-terrain vehicle to ascertain whether a violation of the law has occurred if the game warden has a reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation of the law has taken place or is taking place. This bill allows a game warden to stop an all-terrain vehicle without a reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe a violation of the law has occurred, which was the standard in law prior to 2009.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-160)

This amendment retains the provisions of the bill and clarifies existing law that authorizes all law enforcement officers, not just game wardens, to enforce the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13. It does not expand or otherwise restrict the current authority of game wardens or other law enforcement officers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 248 authorizes a law enforcement officer to stop an all-terrain vehicle without a reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe a violation of the law has occurred.

LD 270 An Act To Reserve a Number of Moose Permits for the Tribes of Maine ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| JACKSON | ONTP | |

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reserve 225 moose hunting permits for the Indian tribes of the State, 200 for the 4 federally recognized Indian tribes and 25 for the Wesget Sipu Tribe.

**LD 271 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To RESOLVE 20
Prepare a Deer Winter Feeding Strategy**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| JACKSON | OTP-AM | S-15 |

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend current law to establish standards pertaining to the feeding of deer, specifically where deer may be fed and whether the proximity to roads is a factor.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prepare a comprehensive deer winter feeding strategy and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 20 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prepare a comprehensive deer winter feeding strategy and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2012.

LD 274 An Act To Increase the Moose Permit Allocations for Zones 2 and 3 Carried Over

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| JACKSON | | |

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

It proposes to increase the moose permit allocations in zones 2 and 3 and to change the dates of the moose hunt.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 284 An Act To Prohibit Water-ski Courses on Small Ponds MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CRAFTS MASON | ONTP MAJ OTP MIN | |

This bill provides that a person may not operate a watercraft for water skiing on a course on a body of water that has less than 100 continuous acres of open water that is not subject to headway speed restrictions.

LD 289 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Recreational Vehicle Registration Agent Fees ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CASAVANT SULLIVAN | ONTP | |

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This bill increases the watercraft, snowmobile and ATV registration service fees that may be assessed, collected and retained by municipalities from \$1 to \$3 and from \$2 to \$4 for the issuance of new registrations.

LD 291 An Act Regarding the Moose Lottery and Moose Management

PUBLIC 370

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DAVIS THIBODEAU | OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN | H-598 |

This bill changes the amount of time a moose hunting permit holder must wait to be eligible for another moose hunting permit from 2 years to 3 years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-598)

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

1. It limits the number of chances a resident may purchase for the moose hunting permit lottery to one and reduces the number of moose hunting permit lottery chances contained in a super pack license from 6 to one;
2. It modifies the point system for the moose hunting permit lottery to improve a person's chances in the lottery the longer that person has stayed in the lottery and has not received a moose hunting permit;
3. As does the bill, it changes the amount of time a moose hunting permit holder must wait to be eligible for another moose hunting permit from 2 years to 3 years;
4. It provides that a person that is ineligible to obtain a moose hunting permit because that person has received a permit within the last 2 years may continue to buy additional chances for the moose hunting permit lottery over that period of ineligibility for the corresponding application fee;
5. It allows a person to indicate on the moose hunting permit application that that person does not want to receive a moose permit for that year but wants to continue to accrue chances in the moose hunting permit lottery;
6. It establishes the Moose Research and Management Fund and moves a provision of existing law regarding funding for moose research to the section of law that establishes the fund;
7. It increases the moose hunting permit fee for nonresidents and aliens from \$484 to \$585 and directs that \$100 from each of these permits be deposited in the Moose Research and Management Fund;
8. It allows an applicant for a moose hunting permit to change that person's subpermittee or alternate subpermittee after the applicant has received a moose hunting permit. Current law requires an applicant for a moose hunting permit to designate that person's subpermittee and alternate subpermittee at the time of the application;
9. It prohibits the sale of the moose hunting permit subpermittee or alternate subpermittee designation and makes a violation of that prohibition a Class E crime; and
10. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-599)

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. It does the following:

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1. It limits the number of chances a resident may purchase for the moose hunting permit lottery to one and reduces the number of moose hunting permit lottery chances contained in a super pack license from 6 to one;
2. It modifies the point system for the moose hunting permit lottery to improve a person's chances in the lottery the longer that person has stayed in the lottery and has not received a moose hunting permit;
3. It removes the 2-year wait period for a person who received a moose hunting permit;
4. It allows a person to indicate on the moose hunting permit application that that person does not want to receive a moose permit for that year but wants to continue to accrue chances in the moose hunting permit lottery;
5. It allows an applicant for a moose hunting permit to change that person's subpermittee or alternate subpermittee after the applicant has received a moose hunting permit. Current law requires an applicant for a moose hunting permit to designate that person's subpermittee and alternate subpermittee at the time of the application; and
6. It prohibits the sale of the moose hunting permit subpermittee or alternate subpermittee designation and makes a violation of that prohibition a Class E crime.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 370 does the following:

1. It limits the number of chances a resident may purchase for the moose hunting permit lottery to one and reduces the number of moose hunting permit lottery chances contained in a super pack license from 6 to one;
2. It modifies the point system for the moose hunting permit lottery to improve a person's chances in the lottery the longer that person has stayed in the lottery and has not received a moose hunting permit;
3. It changes the amount of time a moose hunting permit holder must wait to be eligible for another moose hunting permit from 2 years to 3 years;
4. It provides that a person that is ineligible to obtain a moose hunting permit because that person has received a permit within the last 2 years may continue to buy additional chances for the moose hunting permit lottery over that period of ineligibility for the corresponding application fee;
5. It allows a person to indicate on the moose hunting permit application that that person does not want to receive a moose permit for that year but wants to continue to accrue chances in the moose hunting permit lottery;
6. It establishes the Moose Research and Management Fund and moves a provision of existing law regarding funding for moose research to the section of law that establishes the fund;
7. It increases the moose hunting permit fee for nonresidents and aliens from \$484 to \$585 and directs that \$100 from each of these permits be deposited in the Moose Research and Management Fund;
8. It allows an applicant for a moose hunting permit to change that person's subpermittee or alternate subpermittee after the applicant has received a moose hunting permit. Current law requires an applicant for a moose hunting permit to designate that person's subpermittee and alternate subpermittee at the time of the application; and
9. It prohibits the sale of the moose hunting permit subpermittee or alternate subpermittee designation and makes a violation of that prohibition a Class E crime.

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LD 292 An Act To Prohibit Placing the Carcass of a Dead Animal on a Frozen Body of Water for the Purpose of Baiting Coyotes ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| STEVENS | ONTP | |

This bill prohibits a person from placing the carcass of a dead animal on the ice of a brook, great pond or river for purposes of coyote hunting.

LD 293 An Act To Waive Snowmobile Registration Requirements for Canadians Riding on Maine Trails MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| AYOTTE SHERMAN | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This bill provides that a snowmobile registered in a Canadian province may be operated without a Maine registration on state-funded snowmobile trails as long as the snowmobile is insured in Canada and the rider belongs to a snowmobile club located in Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-486)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the minority report of the committee. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to work with Canadian authorities to establish reciprocity for the operation of snowmobiles and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2012.

LD 294 An Act To Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older Expanded Crossbow Privileges PUBLIC 61

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CRAFTS MASON | OTP-AM A ONTP B OTP-AM C | H-54 |

This bill allows a person 70 years of age or older to hunt wild birds and wild animals with a crossbow during the open seasons for hunting with bow and arrow and allows that person to hunt moose with a crossbow.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)

This amendment provides that until January 1, 2015 a person 70 years of age or older may hunt wild birds and wild animals with a crossbow during the open seasons for hunting with bow and arrow. It also allows a person 70 years of age or older to hunt moose with a crossbow.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-55)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It provides that until January 1, 2013 a person 70 years of

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age or older may hunt wild birds and wild animals with a crossbow during the open seasons for hunting with bow and arrow and to hunt moose with a crossbow.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2011, chapter 61 provides that until January 1, 2015 a person 70 years of age or older may hunt wild birds and wild animals with a crossbow during the open seasons for hunting with bow and arrow. It also allows a person 70 years of age or older to hunt moose with a crossbow.

LD 302 **An Act To Allow an Angler To Gift a Freshwater Fish to a Person Who Is Not Licensed To Fish** **PUBLIC 57**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TUTTLE JACKSON | OTP-AM | H-69 |

This bill provides that a person who is not licensed to fish may possess a fish given to that person as long as the gift fish was lawfully caught and is plainly labeled with the name of the person who gave the fish and the year the fish was caught by that person.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-69)

This amendment limits the possession of a gift fish to a person's domicile.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 57 allows a person who is not licensed to fish to possess fish in that person's place of domicile that were given to that person as long as the gift fish was lawfully caught and is plainly labeled with the name of the person who gave the fish and the year the fish was caught by that person.

LD 356 **An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Motorboats on Lily Pond in Deer Isle** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KUMIEGA LANGLEY | ONTP | |

This bill prohibits the use of a motorboat powered by an internal combustion engine on Lily Pond in Deer Isle.

LD 372 **An Act To Reduce Deer Predation** **Carried Over**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MARTIN J JACKSON | | |

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This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 to control predation of deer on private and public lands.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-311)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 378 An Act To Allow the Transfer of Commercial Whitewater Rafting Trips PUBLIC 68
under Extenuating Conditions EMERGENCY

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MCCABE SCHNEIDER | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-75 |

This bill allows the swap of a whitewater rafting allocation between the West Branch Penobscot River, the Kennebec River and the Dead River whenever high-water or low-water conditions prevent whitewater rafting on any of the 3 rivers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-75)

This amendment provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under extenuating circumstances may allow the emergency transfer of a commercial whitewater rafting trip from a rapidly flowing river to another rapidly flowing river as long as sufficient water is available in the river to which the commercial whitewater rafting trip is to be transferred. It also directs the department to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters regarding the implementation of the emergency transfer of commercial whitewater rafting trips.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 68 provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under extenuating circumstances may allow the emergency transfer of a commercial whitewater rafting trip from a rapidly flowing river to another rapidly flowing river as long as sufficient water is available in the river to which the commercial whitewater rafting trip is to be transferred. It also directs the department to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters regarding the implementation of the emergency transfer of commercial whitewater rafting trips.

Public Law 2011, chapter 68 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 9, 2011.

LD 413 An Act To Clarify Standards by Which Recreational Vehicles May Be ONTP
Stopped

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| JACKSON | ONTP | |

This bill permits a game warden to stop and question operators of recreational vehicles only when there is reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation of the law has occurred or is occurring.

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**LD 445 Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Study Scents Used in Hunting Deer and Renderings Used in Deer Feed**

RESOLVE 36

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SANDERSON TRAHAN | OTP | |

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study the sale of deer scent lures containing cervid urine and the sale of deer feed containing animal renderings and the implications that the sale and use of these products have for the spread of chronic wasting disease. The department is required to report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than December 7, 2011.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 36 directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study the sale of deer scent lures containing cervid urine and the sale of deer feed containing animal renderings and the implications that the sale and use of these products have for the spread of chronic wasting disease. The department is required to report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than December 7, 2011.

LD 450 An Act To Auction Off Moose Permits to Maine Guides

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| WOOD | ONTP | |

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue 300 moose hunting permits each year to licensed Maine guides. The 300 moose hunting permits for licensed Maine guides are in addition to those moose hunting permits allotted under the regular lottery system. The bill limits the number of moose hunting permits a licensed Maine guide can receive in one year to 2 and allows that licensed Maine guide to sell those moose hunting permits at sportsman shows. The bill establishes a fee structure and provides that money raised from those fees must be used to support biologists conducting moose-related research in the State.

**LD 458 An Act To Allow Certain Residents over 70 Years of Age To Obtain a
Complimentary Antlerless Deer Permit**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HARMON JACKSON | ONTP | |

This bill allows a resident of the State who is over 70 years of age and who has been a resident in the State for 25 years to receive a complimentary antlerless deer permit for life.

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LD 468 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Bear Hunting

PUBLIC 309

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| WOOD | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-443 |

This bill amends the bear hunting and trapping laws as follows:

1. It shifts the open season for hunting bears with dogs back one week to reduce the overlap with the open season on hunting bears without dogs;
2. It prohibits a person from establishing a bait site on another person's land without first having the written permission of the landowner;
3. It provides that a person may not train dogs on bear within 7 days of the starting date of the open hunting season on bear. Current law allows a person to train dogs on bear through the first day of open season on bear; and
4. It increases the bag limit on bear to 2 bears by allowing a person to kill one bear during the open hunting season on bear and another by trapping.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-443)

This amendment removes language from the bill regarding the hunting season on bears using dogs and establishing bait sites on another person's land without written permission. The written permission to place bait was addressed in LD 559. It also changes the day before the open bear season a person can train dogs on bear from the 8th day to the 4th day.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 309 changes the bear hunting and trapping laws as follows:

1. It provides that a resident may train dogs on bear to the 4th day preceding the open hunting season on bear. Current law allows a person to train dogs on bear through the first day of open season on bear; and
2. It increases the bag limit on bear to 2 bears by allowing a person to kill one bear during the open hunting season on bear and another by trapping.

**LD 487 An Act To Facilitate the Restoration of Hunting and Fishing Licenses
That Have Been Suspended**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MARTIN J JACKSON | ONTP | |

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish an ongoing advisory committee for the purpose of developing a protocol for the restoration of suspended hunting and fishing licenses and to review and provide advice on matters relating to the restoration of suspended hunting or fishing licenses.

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LD 488 An Act To Allow Nonresidents To Hunt on the First Day of the Firearm Season on Deer MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SHAW | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This bill allows nonresidents to hunt on the first day of the firearm season on deer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-264)

This amendment is the minority report. It limits the nonresidents who may hunt on the first day of the firearm season on deer to those nonresidents who own land in the State and keep that land open to the public for hunting.

LD 522 An Act To Provide Free Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses To Wartime Veterans Who Are at Least 80 Years of Age MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAVIS THIBODEAU | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This bill provides for free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to a resident who is a wartime veteran and 80 years of age or older.

LD 556 An Act Concerning the Lake and River Protection Fund PUBLIC 74

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DAVIS | OTP-AM | H-99 |

This bill adds language concerning nuisance species to the law concerning the Lake and River Protection Fund in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 to be consistent with similar laws in Title 38.

The bill establishes a fund for moose management and research, funded by the issuance of extra moose hunting permits, and authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue additional permits for this fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-99)

This amendment removes those provisions of the bill regarding the proposed Moose Research Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 74 adds language concerning nuisance species to the law concerning the Lake and River Protection Fund in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 to be consistent with similar laws in Title 38.

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LD 559 An Act To Protect Owners of Private Property against Trespass

**PUBLIC 432
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| O'BRIEN | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-312 |

This bill requires that a hunter get written permission when baiting, night hunting coyotes and hunting bears, coyotes or bobcats with dogs. It also provides another way to conspicuously mark land where permission is required for access.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312)

This amendment replaces the bill and:

1. Adds an emergency preamble and clause;
2. Provides that a person may not place or hunt over bait without the oral or written permission of the landowner or the landowner's agent;
3. Provides that a person may not hunt bear, coyote or bobcat with a dog unless the dog has a collar that legibly provides the name, telephone number and address of the owner of that dog;
4. Prohibits the use of a dog to hunt a coyote during the period from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise;
5. Limits the number of dogs a person or persons may use to hunt coyotes or bobcats to 6 dogs; and
6. Adds another method of posting private property to the current method of horizontal silver paint stripes by allowing a vertical paint mark with the color and type of paint determined by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry. The amendment repeals the current silver paint marking provisions September 12, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 432 does the following:

1. Provides that a person may not place or hunt over bait without the oral or written permission of the landowner or the landowner's agent;
2. Provides that a person may not hunt bear, coyote or bobcat with a dog unless the dog has a collar that legibly provides the name, telephone number and address of the owner of that dog;
3. Prohibits the use of a dog to hunt a coyote during the period from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise;
4. Limits the number of dogs a person or persons may use to hunt coyotes or bobcats to 6 dogs; and
5. Adds another method of posting private property to the current method of horizontal silver paint stripes by allowing a vertical paint mark with the color and type of paint determined by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry. Public Law 20011, chapter repeals the current silver paint marking provisions on

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September 12, 2012.

Public Law 2011, chapter 432 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 6, 2011.

LD 626 An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Work in Maine To Purchase ONTP
Hunting and Fishing Licenses at Resident Rates

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BELIVEAU | ONTP | |

This bill allows a person who does not live in the State but who works in the State and who pays income tax to the State to pay the resident rate for hunting and general fishing licenses.

LD 634 An Act To Allow a Person To Designate Information Submitted for a PUBLIC 185
Hunting or Fishing License as Confidential

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CROCKETT LANGLEY | OTP | |

This bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow an applicant for a hunting or fishing license to indicate that the applicant's e-mail address is confidential.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 185 directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow an applicant for a hunting or fishing license to indicate that the applicant's e-mail address is confidential.

LD 637 Resolve, To Increase the Amount Tagging Agents Receive for Tagging Carried Over
Game

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BLACK | | |

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's rules regarding the tagging of game to ensure that tagging agents receive an additional \$1.00 from each registration fee they collect for tagging game.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)

This amendment replaces the resolve. It amends the law governing the registration fees for tagging game by increasing the amount tagging agents may retain for each registration fee they collect from \$1 to \$2.

This resolve was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

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LD 640 An Act To Encourage Coyote Management

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(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DAVIS THIBODEAU | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This bill allows a complimentary antlerless deer permit to any hunter who has killed 10 coyotes within one year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221)

This amendment is the minority report. It provides a complimentary hunting license, instead of the complimentary antlerless deer permit as proposed in the bill, to a resident who kills 10 coyotes in one year.

LD 641 An Act To Allow a Portion of Snowmobile Registration Fees To Be Used for the Repair of Trail-grooming Equipment

PUBLIC 129

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAVIS THIBODEAU | OTP | |

This bill allows a portion of snowmobile registration fees to be used for the repair of trail-grooming equipment used by entities that have snowmobile trail grooming contracts with the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands. The bill also corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part OO, section 20, which removed the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration, and Public Law 2009, chapter 226, section 1, which maintained the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration. The bill corrects that conflict by removing the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 129 allows a portion of snowmobile registration fees to be used for the repair of trail-grooming equipment used by entities that have snowmobile trail grooming contracts with the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands. It also corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part OO, section 20, which removed the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration, and Public Law 2009, chapter 226, section 1, which maintained the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration. Public law 2011, chapter 129 corrects that conflict by removing the nonresident 10-consecutive-day registration.

LD 650 An Act To Create an Apprentice Trapper License

PUBLIC 51

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SARTY JACKSON | OTP-AM | H-70 |

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This bill creates an apprentice trapper license. An apprentice trapper license allows a person who has never held a trapping license to go trapping with an experienced trapper for up to one year without having to take a trapper education course. The holder of an apprentice trapper license must, while trapping, be under the direct supervision of an experienced trapper at all times. An apprentice trapper license allows a person to trap for all species that may be legally trapped, except black bear. The fee for an apprentice trapper license is the same as for a regular trapping license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-70)

This amendment clarifies that an apprentice trapper must be in visual and voice contact with a supervisor without the aid of any devices.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2011, chapter 51 creates an apprentice trapper license. The apprentice trapper license allows a person who has never held a trapping license to go trapping with an experienced trapper for up to one year without having to take a trapper education course. The holder of an apprentice trapper license must, while trapping, be under the direct supervision of an experienced trapper at all times. An apprentice trapper license allows a person to trap for all species that may be legally trapped, except black bear. The fee for an apprentice trapper license is the same as for a regular trapping license.

LD 653 An Act To Ban the Use of Personal Watercraft on Allen Pond in the Town of Greene

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(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

CRAFTS

Committee Report

ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

Amendments Adopted

This bill bans the use of personal watercraft on Allen Pond in the Town of Greene.

LD 682 An Act To Establish the Moose Biologist Fund To Support a Moose Biologist Position

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

WILLETTE M
JACKSON

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill establishes the Moose Biologist Fund to fund a moose biologist position within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Moose hunting permit application fees are increased by \$1 and that amount is dedicated to the Moose Biologist Fund.

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**LD 692 An Act To Reduce Nonresident Hunting and Fishing License Fees and ONTP
To Add Archery Hunting to Combination Licenses**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| RICHARDSON W | ONTP | |

This bill:

1. Provides that a nonresident who owns real property in the State may purchase hunting or fishing licenses for the same fee as a resident;
2. Adds archery hunting to the hunting and fishing combination license; and
3. Reduces nonresident hunting and fishing license fees by approximately 25%.

**LD 709 An Act To Adjust the Rules Governing Subpermittees on Moose ONTP
Hunting Permits**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| DAVIS THIBODEAU | ONTP | |

This bill allows a permittee to designate up to 2 subpermittees to join the permittee on different days during the permitted moose hunting season.

LD 749 An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting in Northern Maine ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PILON PATRICK | ONTP | |

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize hunting deer on Sunday in the northern part of the State during the open season on deer. It sets the fee for a Sunday hunting permit at \$25 and requires the commissioner to adopt rules to implement a Sunday hunting permit system.

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**LD 792 Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Examine the Decline in the
Number of Nonresident Hunters**

RESOLVE 51

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PLOWMAN | OTP-AM | S-76 |

This resolve authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine the decline in the number of nonresident hunters by establishing a task force consisting of guides and outfitters, tourism officials, a person from each tourism region, a marketing director from the department and a nonresident sportsman and a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2011.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)

The bill required that an unspecified number of guides and outfitters be invited to participate in the task force. This amendment specifies that an organization identified by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is invited to select 3 guides and 3 outfitters for the task force. It clarifies that the Department of Economic and Community Development shall select one representative from the Maine Tourism Commission, and it adds the Director of the Office of Tourism to the membership of the task force. This amendment also adds to the duties of the task force the examination of national trends regarding nonresident hunters over the last 5 years.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 51 authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine the decline in the number of nonresident hunters and the national trends regarding nonresident hunters over the past 5 years by establishing a task force consisting of guides and outfitters, tourism officials, a person from each tourism region, a marketing director from the department and a nonresident sportsman. It also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 1, 2011.

**LD 810 An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday in Certain Wildlife Management
Districts**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MACDONALD PATRICK | ONTP | |

This bill allows hunting on Sundays in wildlife management districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 for any species during the open season on that species.

**LD 833 An Act To Restrict Permits Available to the Holder of a Super Pack
License**

PUBLIC 252

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KNIGHT SAVIELLO | OTP-AM | H-345 |

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Current law allows a super pack license holder to receive an antlerless deer permit and to have an opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11152. This bill removes the provision that gives a person holding a super pack license the opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery thus limiting the number of antlerless deer permits a person holding a super pack license may have to one.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-345)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the holder of a super pack license who receives an antlerless deer permit pursuant to that license is not eligible to obtain a permit in the regular antlerless deer permit lottery. It also delays the effective date of the legislation until January 1, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

Current law allows a super pack license holder to receive an antlerless deer permit and to have an opportunity to enter an antlerless deer permit lottery pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11152. Public Law 2011, chapter 252 provides that the holder of a super pack license who receives an antlerless deer permit pursuant to that license is not eligible to obtain a permit in the regular antlerless deer permit lottery. This law becomes effective on January 1, 2012.

LD 884 An Act To Change the Moose Lottery To Increase the Chances for Resident Hunters ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| GIFFORD THIBODEAU | ONTP | |

This bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to allow resident applicants to the moose lottery to receive additional points for each year they fail to receive a permit until they receive a permit.

LD 906 An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting for Small Game and Wild Birds ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| FITTS | ONTP | |

This bill provides for Sunday hunting of small game and wild birds.

LD 910 An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday for Landowners MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| FITTS | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

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This bill allows the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize private landowners to hunt on Sunday on their own land if they own 20 or more acres and the land is open to hunting by the public. A landowner must register with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The department shall adopt rules to implement a Sunday hunting permit system. The fee for a Sunday hunting permit may not exceed \$25.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-587)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. Instead of allowing Sunday hunting for landowners on their own land for deer only, the amendment allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish rules to permit Sunday hunting for such landowners for any species during the open season for that species.

LD 913 Resolve, To Consolidate the State's Boat Launch Programs ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MCCABE | ONTP | |

This resolve directs the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to combine their boat launch programs into one program under the Department of Conservation.

LD 927 An Act To Change the Coyote Night Hunting Law PUBLIC 216

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHNSON D | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | H-246 H-290 SARTY |

This bill provides for the night hunting of coyotes throughout the year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-246)

This amendment is the minority report. It extends the current night hunting season on coyotes from December 16th to one week before the regular firearm hunting season on deer established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11401. The bill would have allowed night hunting year-round.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-290)

This amendment removes language from Committee Amendment "A" that allows night hunting for coyotes to the week before the open firearm season on deer. This amendment also authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to appoint agents to hunt for coyotes at night using artificial illumination during the period of time when hunting for coyotes at night is currently prohibited. It directs the commissioner to develop policies to notify the affected public and affected law enforcement officers about any night hunting operations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 216 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to appoint agents to hunt for coyotes at night using artificial illumination during the period of time when hunting for coyotes at night is currently prohibited. It also directs the commissioner to develop policies to notify the affected public and affected

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law enforcement officers about any night hunting operations.

LD 993 An Act To Provide Limited Reciprocity for Nonresidents Operating Snowmobiles in This State

PUBLIC 437

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| TIMBERLAKE | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | H-364 H-426 DAVIS |

This bill allows a nonresident who is a resident of the State of New Hampshire and who has registered a snowmobile in New Hampshire to operate that snowmobile in this State. This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-364)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may establish a 3-day period, including 2 weekend days, in which a nonresident may snowmobile in this State without being registered in this State if the nonresident's state of residency allows a snowmobile registered in Maine to operate in that state for an equivalent or greater period of time without being registered.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-426)

This amendment adds a provision that repeals the reciprocity provisions in the bill on October 1, 2013.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 437 provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may establish a 3-day period, including 2 weekend days, in which a nonresident may snowmobile in this State without being registered in this State if the nonresident's state of residency allows a snowmobile registered in Maine to operate in that state for an equivalent or greater period of time without being registered. The reciprocity provision of this law is repealed on October 1, 2013.

LD 996 An Act To Amend the Law Relating to Training Dogs during Bear Hunting Season

**ACCEPTED
ONTP REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BURNS DC SAVIELLO | ONTP MAJ OTP MIN | |

This bill removes the provision of law that prohibits the training of dogs on bear in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9.

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LD 1019 An Act To Make Changes to the Allocation of Revenue from Watercraft Registration ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PARRY SNOWE-MELLO | ONTP | |

This bill requires that the money collected from the increase in fees pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part OO, sections 14 and 15 for certificates for watercraft must be credited evenly between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources.

LD 1020 An Act To Allow a Spring Bear Hunting Season ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KESCHL THOMAS | ONTP | |

This bill establishes a spring season on hunting bear from the 3rd Monday in May to the 4th Saturday in June.

LD 1058 Resolve, To Create a Mitigation Fund for Damage Caused by Unauthorized All-terrain Vehicle Use on Private Land MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SHAW | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This resolve requires the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to jointly develop recommendations to establish and fund a mitigation fund for damage caused by unauthorized all-terrain vehicle use on private land. The recommendations, along with any necessary implementing legislation, must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 2012.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-523)

This amendment is the minority report. It replaces the resolve and provides that a person convicted of a violation of an ATV-related prohibition must be assessed a surcharge that is 10% of the fine assessed as a result of that violation in addition to the fine. It also creates the All-terrain Vehicle Mitigation Fund to help private landowners mitigate damage caused to their property by ATV use. Revenue generated by the 10% surcharge for violations of an ATV-related law must be deposited into the fund.

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LD 1072 An Act To Establish a Coyote Bounty Permit

**DIED IN
CONCURRENCE**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KNIGHT MASON | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This bill establishes a coyote bounty permit. It establishes registration stations, tags and a bounty of \$10 for each coyote registered.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-248)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1080 An Act To Ban the Use of Traps and Dogs in Bear Hunting

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CASAVANT SULLIVAN | ONTP | |

This bill prohibits the use of a dog to hunt or pursue bear and the use or setting of a trap to hunt or capture bear except under certain circumstances. The use of a dog or a trap is permitted for certain scientific purposes or if undertaken by state or federal employees to kill or capture a specific animal that threatens livestock, domestic animals, threatened or endangered wildlife, property or public safety.

LD 1084 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Maine Fish and Wildlife Laws

**PUBLIC 253
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MARTIN T | OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN | S-245 |

This bill does the following:

1. It changes the name of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Division of Licensing, Registration and Engineering to the Division of Licensing and Registration and enacts a new Division of Engineering;
2. It broadens the law that provided for increased fines in Washington County for hunting or possessing antlerless deer to cover any wildlife management district where antlerless deer permits have not been issued due to decreased deer populations;
3. It prohibits leaving an ice fishing shack on a landowner's shorefront without permission and allows that landowner to remove the shack after April 1st;

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4. It broadens to residents of other states the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's authority to revoke, suspend or refuse to issue a license to a person who has killed, wounded or recklessly endangered the safety of another human being while hunting;
5. It no longer requires that whenever a license or permit to hunt is in the form of a stamp, the licensee has to affix the stamp on the license and sign it;
6. It clarifies that a person may not obtain or possess a license or permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation;
7. It clarifies that a person who is 70 years of age and holds a valid senior lifetime license at any time during the calendar year that the person turns 70 years of age is entitled to all hunting permits and licenses;
8. It modifies the current tree stand laws to include all types of stands that people use for hunting, such as freestanding tripods, rather than just stands that are attached to trees;
9. It enables the enforcement of the laws regarding the placement of bear bait. Currently a person can claim that the person did not place the bait and therefore is not in violation of any laws;
10. It requires persons operating ATVs who are required to have completed a training course to provide proof of having completed that course upon request by a law enforcement officer;
11. It changes the laws regarding submitting to chemical tests when involved in an accident while hunting or on a recreational vehicle to mirror similar laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A;
12. It includes currency in the items that must be forfeited by violators of fish and wildlife laws;
13. The Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission is reducing the alewife harvest along the entire eastern seaboard. This bill establishes a daily bag limit of 25 alewives; this change keeps the limit consistent with the department rules;
14. It reduces the fee a nonresident must pay to exchange a 15-day nonresident fishing license for an annual license to the difference between the 15-day license and the annual license and \$2 to the clerk or issuing agent;
15. It authorizes the commissioner to allow nonresidents to trap beaver in designated wildlife management districts where a higher harvest is necessary;
16. It clarifies that reptiles cannot be taken for commercial purposes;
17. It prohibits baiting moose;
18. It clarifies that a person who holds a 2nd spring wild turkey permit may take only one turkey per day; and
19. It changes the term "rabbits" to "snowshoe hare" in the provisions regarding the training of dogs on game.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-245)

This amendment, which is the majority report does the following:

1. It makes the newly established Division of Engineering equal in organizational level to the other divisions and bureaus within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
2. It clarifies that currency used in the violation of a fish and wildlife law is contraband and subject to seizure by

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law enforcement;

3. It clarifies that a portable blind used on the ground that remains in the physical possession of the hunter is not considered a portable observation stand for purposes of landowner permission;
4. It amends the section of the bill regarding a person who holds a valid senior lifetime license and turns 70 years of age to remove the word "entitled" and provides that all hunting licenses and permits are included in the lifetime license at that time;
5. It clarifies that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may bring a complaint in the District Court seeking to revoke or suspend the current hunting license or the privilege to obtain a hunting license of a person who the commissioner has reason to believe has killed, wounded or recklessly endangered the safety of another person while hunting regardless of where the incident took place;
6. It provides that a person must obtain a permit from the commissioner to harvest nonmarine invertebrates for commercial purposes;
7. It makes changes to the membership of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists;
8. It adds 2 dams to the list of dams at which fishing in or from the fishway is prohibited and provides a definition of an operational fishway;
9. It allows the cage-type trap for trapping bears and removes the statutory requirements for marking bear traps;
10. It requires that records retained by smelt or baitfish dealers be open for inspection by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
11. It establishes 13 more state-owned wildlife management areas; and
12. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue additional moose hunting permits for the 2011 moose hunting season.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-246)

This amendment is the minority report and includes the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" but also allows a person to hunt wild turkeys between sunrise and sunset.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 253 does the following:

1. It changes the name of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Division of Licensing, Registration and Engineering to the Division of Licensing and Registration and enacts a new Division of Engineering;
2. It broadens the law that provided for increased fines in Washington County for hunting or possessing antlerless deer to cover any wildlife management district where antlerless deer permits have not been issued due to decreased deer populations;
3. It prohibits leaving an ice fishing shack on a landowner's shorefront without permission and allows that landowner to remove the shack after April 1st;
4. It broadens to residents of other states the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's authority to

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revoke, suspend or refuse to issue a license to a person who has killed, wounded or recklessly endangered the safety of another human being while hunting;

5. It no longer requires that whenever a license or permit to hunt is in the form of a stamp, the licensee has to affix the stamp on the license and sign it;

6. It clarifies that a person may not obtain or possess a license or permit through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation;

7. It clarifies that a person who is 70 years of age and holds a valid senior lifetime license at any time during the calendar year the person turns 70 years of age that license contains all hunting permits and licenses;

8. It modifies the current tree stand laws to include all types of stands that people use for hunting, such as freestanding tripods, rather than just stands that are attached to trees but does not include a portable blind used on the ground that remains in the physical possession of the hunter;

9. It enables the enforcement of the laws regarding the placement of bear bait. Currently a person can claim that the person did not place the bait and therefore is not in violation of any laws;

10. It requires persons operating ATVs who are required to have completed a training course to provide proof of having completed that course upon request by a law enforcement officer;

11. It changes the laws regarding submitting to chemical tests when involved in an accident while hunting or on a recreational vehicle to mirror similar laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A;

12. It provides that currency used in the violation of a fish and game law is contraband and is subject to seizure by law enforcement;

13. The Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission is reducing the alewife harvest along the entire eastern seaboard. This bill establishes a daily bag limit of 25 alewives; this change keeps the limit consistent with the department rules;

14. It reduces the fee a nonresident must pay to exchange a 15-day nonresident fishing license for an annual license to the difference between the 15-day license and the annual license and \$2 to the clerk or issuing agent;

15. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow nonresidents to trap beaver in designated wildlife management districts where a higher harvest is necessary;

16. It clarifies that reptiles cannot be taken for commercial purposes and that a person must obtain a permit from the commissioner to harvest nonmarine invertebrates for commercial purposes;

17. It prohibits baiting moose;

18. It clarifies that a person who holds a 2nd spring wild turkey permit may take only one turkey per day;

19. It changes the term "rabbits" to "snowshoe hare" in the provisions regarding the training of dogs on

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game;

- 20. It makes changes to the membership of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists;
- 21. It adds 2 dams to the list of dams at which fishing in or from the fishway is prohibited and provides a definition of an operational fishway;
- 22. It allows the cage-type trap for trapping bears and removes the statutory requirements for marking bear traps;
- 23. It requires that records retained by smelt or baitfish dealers be open for inspection by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- 24. It establishes 13 more state-owned wildlife management areas; and
- 25. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue additional moose hunting permits for the 2011 moose hunting season.

Public Law 2011, chapter 253 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2011.

LD 1113 An Act To Encourage Fishing for Individuals with Disabilities

**PUBLIC 355
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| STRANG BURGESS WOODBURY | OTP-AM | H-382 H-505 STRANG BURGESS |

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to allow the caregiver of an individual entitled to a free fishing license because of a disability, when that disability limits that individual's ability to fish independently, to assist that individual's fishing without being required to obtain a fishing license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-382)

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

- 1. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill; and
- 2. It provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may allow a person to accompany and assist a blind resident, a paraplegic resident, a resident disabled veteran, a person with an acquired brain injury, a patient or inmate residing in a state institution or a person with a developmental disability who has a complimentary fishing license to fish without obtaining a separate fishing license.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-505)

Under Committee Amendment "A," a person with mental retardation, as defined, is included in the list of persons who may receive a complimentary fishing license and have a person's assistance while fishing. This amendment revises the definition to provide a complimentary fishing license to a person with a developmental disability.

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LD 1209 An Act Regarding Stops of All-terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles by Law Enforcement Officers

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CRAFTS MASON | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

Current law requires a game warden or other law enforcement officer to have a reasonable and articulable suspicion to stop an all-terrain vehicle or ATV; no such restriction is placed on game wardens or law enforcement officers stopping snowmobiles.

This bill maintains that reasonable and articulable suspicion requirement for a game warden or law enforcement officer stopping an ATV being operated on a trail in the Maine Trails System and also applies it to snowmobiles being operated on a trail in the Maine Trails System. For an ATV that is more than 20 feet from one of those trails or a snowmobile that is not on one of those trails, no reasonable suspicion is required to stop and examine the ATV or snowmobile or its operator.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-247)

This amendment is the minority report. It amends the bill by providing that once an ATV or snowmobile leaves the Maine Trails System, the ATV or snowmobile may be stopped by law enforcement for any reason.

LD 1242 An Act To Restore the Deer Herd in Certain Wildlife Management Districts in Maine

Carried Over

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BURNS DC TRAHAN | | |

This bill does the following:

1. It establishes a deer management advisory committee to inform the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife about how to more aggressively manage the State's deer population;
2. It establishes the Maine Deer Management Fund for the purpose of funding deer management efforts in the State;
3. It creates a \$10 deer stamp and prohibits a person from hunting deer in the State without a deer stamp;
4. It creates a deer management license plate and directs \$20 from each deer management license plate to be deposited into the Maine Deer Management Fund;
5. It creates a Maine deer management voluntary checkoff so that taxpayers can voluntarily support deer management efforts; and
6. It requires revenue received from the deer stamp and the deer management checkoff to be deposited in the Maine Deer Management Fund.

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This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 1246 Resolve, Concerning Access to the Eastern Road in Scarborough

RESOLVE 57

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BARTLETT | OTP-AM | S-111 |

This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to grant easements to Anthony Attardo and Anthony Attardo, Jr. through and across Eastern Road in the Town of Scarborough. Anthony Attardo and Anthony Attardo, Jr. shall grant to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife an easement across their land situated on the easterly side of the Black Point Road. The department shall deliver the deeds to the Attardos no later than November 1, 2011.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-111)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 57 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to grant easements to Anthony Attardo and Anthony Attardo, Jr. through and across Eastern Road in the Town of Scarborough. It also provides that Anthony Attardo and Anthony Attardo, Jr. shall grant to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife an easement across their land situated on the easterly side of the Black Point Road. Resolve 2011, chapter 57 requires the department to deliver the deeds to the Attardos no later than November 1, 2011.

**LD 1327 Resolve, To Study the Organization of the Fisheries Management
Activities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Make
Recommendations To Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness**

Carried Over

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| FLEMINGS TRAHAN | | |

This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This resolve proposes to study the organization and operations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with respect to the management of the inland fisheries resources in the public waters of the State to identify and recommend changes that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of those activities.

This resolve was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

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LD 1456 An Act Regarding the Right of Native Americans To Be Issued Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses

**PUBLIC 327
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| Soctomah RAYE | OTP-AM | H-392 |

This bill ensures that certain hunting, trapping and fishing licenses without charge or fee are available only to certified members of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-392)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause and clarifies that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may issue the complimentary licenses to hunt, fish and trap only to members of Maine's 4 federally recognized tribes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 327 provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may issue the complimentary licenses to hunt, fish and trap only to members of Maine's 4 federally recognized tribes.

Public Law 2011, chapter 327 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 14, 2011.

LD 1509 An Act To Enhance Enforcement of Fish and Game Laws By Authorizing Maine To Enter into an Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

PUBLIC 220

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| SARTY | OTP | |

This bill provides the authority for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to participate in an interstate wildlife violator compact, an agreement between member states designed to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of conservation law enforcement personnel and information, and to provide for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators within the member states. It also authorizes adoption of rules to implement provisions of the compact.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 220 provides the authority for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to participate in an interstate wildlife violator compact, an agreement between member states designed to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of conservation law enforcement personnel and information, and to provide for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators within the member states. It also authorizes adoption of rules to implement provisions of the compact.

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**LD 1569 An Act To Restore the White-tailed Deer Population and Improve
Maine's Wildlife Economy and Heritage**

PUBLIC 381

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| RAYE | OTP-AM | S-256 |

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to restore the white-tailed deer population and improve the State's wildlife economy and heritage. These measures may include, but are not limited to:

1. Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to notify the custodian of any state-owned property when a deer wintering area is identified on that property and requiring the custodian of the property to ensure that the property is managed with protection of the deer wintering area as the first priority;
2. Directing the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review existing restrictions on the amount of wood ash that may be recycled into fertilizer and soil amendments in order to make it easier to obtain and use wood ash for deer food plots; and
3. Amending the laws governing the Land for Maine's Future program to:
 - A. Require that, in its evaluation of potential projects, the Land for Maine's Future Board give priority to the protection of deer wintering areas;
 - B. With respect to fee acquisitions that are purchased with Land for Maine's Future funds, require state agencies with whom the Land for Maine's Future Board partners to give deer wintering area management special priority; and
 - C. Require that the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife develop projects that protect deer wintering areas and submit those projects for funding to the Land for Maine's Future Board.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-256)

This amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

1. It makes the conservation and protection of deer wintering areas a priority for acquisitions funded by the Land for Maine's Future Fund;
2. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish 5-year benchmarks for managing the deer population in each wildlife management district and report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with updates on meeting each 5-year benchmark;
3. It provides that prior to final negotiations and legislative and administrative review for the sale of designated lands or an interest in designated lands that contain deer wintering habitat, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the Commissioner of Conservation must notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters about the intent to make such a sale;

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4. It establishes a Predator Control and Deer Habitat Fund to fund predator control and to enhance deer habitat. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide checkoff options on its online licensing system to allow a person to make donations to the fund;
5. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to secure revenue to enhance the department's efforts in protecting and expanding Maine's deer population;
6. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation, to develop and implement a plan for all state-owned lands to control predation on deer and a plan to protect, manage and enhance deer wintering areas;
7. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop plans to restructure and increase the budget of the Division of Public Information and Education and to create an ongoing relationship with the State's deer hunters using surveys, newsletters and its publicly accessible website to keep hunters current and involved in the implementation of the department's Maine Game Plan for Deer;
8. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to expand its Maine Game Plan for Deer to the entire State;
9. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop and implement a program to control predation on deer; and
10. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding the department's efforts and progress made to meet the goals of controlling predation on deer as required by the amendment by February 1, 2012.

The amendment also establishes a reporting date of February 1, 2012 for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife concerning several provisions of the amendment.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2011, chapter 381 does the following:

1. It makes the conservation and protection of deer wintering areas a priority for acquisitions funded by the Land for Maine's Future Fund;
2. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish 5-year benchmarks for managing the deer population in each wildlife management district and report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with updates on meeting each 5-year benchmark;
3. It provides that prior to final negotiations and legislative and administrative review for the sale of designated lands or an interest in designated lands that contain deer wintering habitat, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the Commissioner of Conservation must notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters about the intent to make such a sale;
4. It establishes a Predator Control and Deer Habitat Fund to fund predator control and to enhance deer habitat. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide checkoff options on its online licensing system to allow a person to make donations to the fund;

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5. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to secure revenue to enhance the department's efforts in protecting and expanding Maine's deer population;
6. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation, to develop and implement a plan for all state-owned lands to control predation on deer and a plan to protect, manage and enhance deer wintering areas;
7. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop plans to restructure and increase the budget of the Division of Public Information and Education and to create an ongoing relationship with the State's deer hunters using surveys, newsletters and its publicly accessible website to keep hunters current and involved in the implementation of the department's Maine Game Plan for Deer;
8. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to expand its Maine Game Plan for Deer to the entire State;
9. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop and implement a program to control predation on deer; and
10. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding the department's efforts and progress made to meet the goals of controlling predation on deer as required by this law by February 1, 2012.

Public law 2011, chapter 381 also establishes a reporting date of February 1, 2012 for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife concerning several provisions of this law.

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LD 1080 **An Act To Ban the Use of Traps and Dogs in Bear Hunting** ONTP

Complimentary and Reduced Fee Licenses

Not Enacted

LD 458 **An Act To Allow Certain Residents over 70 Years of Age To Obtain a Complimentary Antlerless Deer Permit** ONTP

LD 522 **An Act To Provide Free Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses To Wartime Veterans Who Are at Least 80 Years of Age** MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

LD 692 **An Act To Reduce Nonresident Hunting and Fishing License Fees and To Add Archery Hunting to Combination Licenses** ONTP

Coyote Control

Enacted

LD 927 **An Act To Change the Coyote Night Hunting Law** PUBLIC 216

Not Enacted

LD 101 **An Act To Institute a Snaring Program for Coyotes** ONTP

LD 292 **An Act To Prohibit Placing the Carcass of a Dead Animal on a Frozen Body of Water for the Purpose of Baiting Coyotes** ONTP

LD 372 **An Act To Reduce Deer Predation** Carried Over

LD 640 **An Act To Encourage Coyote Management** MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

LD 1072 **An Act To Establish a Coyote Bounty Permit** DIED IN CONCURRENCE

Crossbow

Enacted

LD 294 **An Act To Allow Persons 70 Years of Age or Older Expanded Crossbow Privileges** PUBLIC 61

Not Enacted

LD 137 **An Act To Allow the Use of Crossbows during the Archery Season** MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Deer

Enacted

LD 1569 **An Act To Restore the White-tailed Deer Population and Improve
Maine's Wildlife Economy and Heritage** **PUBLIC 381**

Not Enacted

LD 38 **An Act To Allow Holders of Junior Hunting Licenses To Take
Antlerless Deer** **ONTP**

LD 78 **An Act To Allow Antlerless Deer Permits To Be Transferred to
Family Members** **ONTP**

LD 161 **An Act To Enhance Hunting for Maine Residents over 70 Years
of Age** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

LD 200 **An Act To Provide Complimentary Any-Deer Permits to Persons
70 Years of Age and Older** **ONTP**

LD 488 **An Act To Allow Nonresidents To Hunt on the First Day of the
Firearm Season on Deer** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

LD 1208 **An Act To Allow Early Deer Hunting for Senior Hunters** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

LD 1242 **An Act To Restore the Deer Herd in Certain Wildlife
Management Districts in Maine** **Carried Over**

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Enacted

LD 251 **Resolve, To Establish the Wilderness Rescue Task Force** **RESOLVE 15**

LD 271 **Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife To Prepare a Deer Winter Feeding Strategy** **RESOLVE 20**

LD 445 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife To Study Scents Used in Hunting Deer and Renderings
Used in Deer Feed** **RESOLVE 36**

LD 792 **Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Examine the Decline in the
Number of Nonresident Hunters** **RESOLVE 51**

LD 1246 **Resolve, Concerning Access to the Eastern Road in Scarborough** **RESOLVE 57**

LD 1509 **An Act To Enhance Enforcement of Fish and Game Laws By
Authorizing Maine To Enter into an Interstate Wildlife Violator
Compact** **PUBLIC 220**

Not Enacted

LD 487 **An Act To Facilitate the Restoration of Hunting and Fishing
Licenses That Have Been Suspended** **ONTP**

LD 682 **An Act To Establish the Moose Biologist Fund To Support a
Moose Biologist Position** **ONTP**

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| LD 913 | Resolve, To Consolidate the State's Boat Launch Programs | ONTP |
| LD 1327 | Resolve, To Study the Organization of the Fisheries Management Activities of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Make Recommendations To Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness | Carried Over |
| LD 1329 | Resolve, To Study the Condition of the Landlocked Salmon in Maine and Make Recommendations To Improve Their Health | ONTP |
| LD 1408 | An Act To Amend Water Quality Standards for Fish Hatcheries | Carried Over |

Dogs and Dog Training

Not Enacted

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| LD 996 | An Act To Amend the Law Relating to Training Dogs during Bear Hunting Season | ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT |
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Fish and Fishing

Enacted

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| LD 134 | An Act To Protect Native Landlocked Salmon Fisheries from Invasive Fish Species | PUBLIC 24 |
| LD 302 | An Act To Allow an Angler To Gift a Freshwater Fish to a Person Who Is Not Licensed To Fish | PUBLIC 57 |
| LD 1113 | An Act To Encourage Fishing for Individuals with Disabilities | PUBLIC 355 EMERGENCY |

Not Enacted

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| LD 56 | An Act To Allow the Owner of Waterfront Property To Fish That Body of Water without a Fishing License | ONTP |
| LD 213 | An Act To Provide Funding for the Fish Stocking Program | Carried Over |

Hunting

Not Enacted

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| LD 173 | Resolve, To Allow the Possession of an Unlimited Number of Game Birds | ONTP |
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Illegal Dumping

Enacted

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| LD 112 | An Act To Discourage Illegal Dumping in the State | PUBLIC 208 |
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Landowners

Enacted

LD 559 **An Act To Protect Owners of Private Property against Trespass** **PUBLIC 432
EMERGENCY**

Not Enacted

LD 223 **An Act To Require Written Permission for Recreational Access to
Cropland, Pastureland and Orchards** **ONTP**

LD 1121 **An Act To Provide for Incentives and Reparations to
Landowners in Connection with All-terrain Vehicle Access** **ONTP**

Licenses and Permits

Enacted

LD 108 **An Act To Amend the Fees for Infant Lifetime Licenses** **PUBLIC 268**

LD 634 **An Act To Allow a Person To Designate Information Submitted
for a Hunting or Fishing License as Confidential** **PUBLIC 185**

LD 833 **An Act To Restrict Permits Available to the Holder of a Super
Pack License** **PUBLIC 252**

Not Enacted

LD 626 **An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Work in Maine To Purchase
Hunting and Fishing Licenses at Resident Rates** **ONTP**

Maine Tribes

Enacted

LD 1456 **An Act Regarding the Right of Native Americans To Be Issued
Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses** **PUBLIC 327
EMERGENCY**

Not Enacted

LD 133 **An Act To Extend Native American Hunting Rights** **ONTP**

LD 270 **An Act To Reserve a Number of Moose Permits for the Tribes of
Maine** **ONTP**

Moose

Enacted

LD 291 **An Act Regarding the Moose Lottery and Moose Management** **PUBLIC 370**

Not Enacted

LD 94 **An Act Regarding the Moose Lottery** **ONTP**

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| LD 151 | Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Add One or More Moose Hunting Seasons in Wildlife Management District No. 8 | MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT |
| LD 163 | An Act To Auction Off Moose Permits to Hunting Lodges | ONTP |
| LD 274 | An Act To Increase the Moose Permit Allocations for Zones 2 and 3 | Carried Over |
| LD 450 | An Act To Auction Off Moose Permits to Maine Guides | ONTP |
| LD 709 | An Act To Adjust the Rules Governing Subpermittees on Moose Hunting Permits | ONTP |
| LD 884 | An Act To Change the Moose Lottery To Increase the Chances for Resident Hunters | ONTP |

Omnibus

Enacted

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| LD 1084 | An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Maine Fish and Wildlife Laws | PUBLIC 253 EMERGENCY |
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| LD 212 | An Act To Clarify and Amend Laws Pertaining to Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife | ONTP |
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Snowmobiles

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| LD 993 | An Act To Provide Limited Reciprocity for Nonresidents Operating Snowmobiles in This State | PUBLIC 437 |

Not Enacted

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| LD 293 | An Act To Waive Snowmobile Registration Requirements for Canadians Riding on Maine Trails | MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT |
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Sunday Hunting

Not Enacted

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| LD 749 | An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting in Northern Maine | ONTP |
| LD 810 | An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday in Certain Wildlife Management Districts | ONTP |
| LD 906 | An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting for Small Game and Wild Birds | ONTP |

LD 910 **An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday for Landowners** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

Surface Water Use Prohibitions

Not Enacted

LD 211 **An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Hall Pond in Paris** **ONTP**

LD 284 **An Act To Prohibit Water-ski Courses on Small Ponds** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

LD 356 **An Act To Prohibit the Use of Certain Motorboats on Lily Pond
in Deer Isle** **ONTP**

LD 653 **An Act To Ban the Use of Personal Watercraft on Allen Pond in
the Town of Greene** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

Trapping

Enacted

LD 650 **An Act To Create an Apprentice Trapper License** **PUBLIC 51**

Not Enacted

LD 107 **An Act To Allow Trapping in Northern Maine without the
Written Consent of the Landowner** **LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

Watercraft

Enacted

LD 556 **An Act Concerning the Lake and River Protection Fund** **PUBLIC 74**

Not Enacted

LD 1019 **An Act To Make Changes to the Allocation of Revenue from
Watercraft Registration** **ONTP**

LD 1375 **An Act To Require a Boating Safety Course for New Boat
Registrants** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

Whitewater Rafting

Enacted

LD 378 **An Act To Allow the Transfer of Commercial Whitewater
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