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**LD 11      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      CARRIED OVER**  
**To Establish the Right To Hunt and Fish**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD S JACKSON T		

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that the right of the people of this State to hunt, fish and harvest game and fish, including by the use of traditional methods, may not be infringed, subject to reasonable laws and rules to promote wildlife conservation and management, to maintain natural resources in trust for public use and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. It also provides that public hunting and fishing are a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

This resolution was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 35      Resolve, To Allow the Unlicensed Ownership of Hedgehogs as Pets      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E SIROCKI H	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules on the importation of wildlife into the State and the possession of wildlife to allow the importation and possession of hedgehogs without a permit.

**LD 41      An Act To Exempt a Person under 18 Years of Age from the      Accepted Majority**  
**Requirement To Wear a Helmet While on an All-terrain Vehicle in      (ONTP) Report**  
**Certain Circumstances**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P BLACK R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill exempts a person under 18 years of age from the requirement that the person wear a helmet while operating or being carried as a passenger on an all-terrain vehicle when the person is wearing a seat belt and the all-terrain vehicle is equipped with roll bars or bracing welded or attached to the frame in a permanent manner, with a roof or with a protective enclosure.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-207)**

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. It provides that a passenger under 14 years of age who is properly secured in a seat belt and riding directly adjacent to the passenger's parent, grandparent or legal guardian on a side-by-side all-terrain vehicle with roll bars or other bracing may wear a bicycle helmet.

This amendment was not adopted.

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**LD 52      An Act To Exempt Certain Veterans from Hunter Safety Courses**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WALLACE R DOW D	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill provides that a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States is exempt from hunter safety course requirements if that veteran provides at the time of application for a hunting license that veteran's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or its predecessor or successor forms, or certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the Armed Forces of the United States verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the substantive provision of the bill. The amendment provides that a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who provides verification of military service and who received an honorable discharge within three years of the date of application for a hunting license is exempt from the portions of the hunter safety course requirements that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife determines have been satisfied by the veteran's military training.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 60      An Act To Allow Senior Hunters To Shoot Antlerless Deer**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill allows persons 70 years of age and older to receive a permit to lawfully take an antlerless deer during the open season on deer. The bill directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to designate which hunting zones are open to the taking of antlerless deer.

**LD 61      An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sundays by Licensed Hunters Using a Shotgun**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D CARPENTER M	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows licensed hunters to hunt wild birds on Sundays with a shotgun.

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**LD 62 An Act To Remove the Prohibition on Baiting Deer**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LYFORD P	ONTP OTP	

This bill repeals the prohibition against baiting deer.

**LD 98 An Act To Provide Greater Authority to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife over the Management of Wild Turkeys**

**PUBLIC 85**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P BLACK R	OTP-AM	S-102

This bill eliminates the requirement that a person obtain a permit to hunt wild turkeys. This bill increases the number of wild turkeys a person may take during the spring open season for hunting wild turkeys from two wild turkeys of either sex to three male wild turkeys. This bill increases the number of wild turkeys a person may take during the fall open seasons for hunting wild turkeys from two to three of either sex over both seasons. This bill allows a person to register wild turkeys electronically or by telephone.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-102)**

This amendment replaces the bill and eliminates the spring and fall open seasons on wild turkey and the bag limits for wild turkey in those seasons. Current law allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish open seasons for hunting of wild turkey by rule. The amendment prohibits hunting of wild turkey with a crossbow from October 1st until the first day of the open season established by the commissioner in the following year. The amendment strikes the prohibition on killing or registering wild turkey after having killed or registered one wild turkey in any open season of that calendar year and instead prohibits killing or taking more than the number of wild turkey allowed during an open season established by rule by the commissioner.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 85 eliminates the spring and fall open seasons on wild turkey and the bag limits for wild turkey in those seasons. Current law allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish open seasons for hunting of wild turkey by rule. Public Law 2017, chapter 85 prohibits hunting of wild turkey with a crossbow from October 1st until the first day of the open season established by the commissioner in the following year. Public Law 2017, chapter 85 strikes the prohibition on killing or registering wild turkey after having killed or registered one wild turkey in any open season of that calendar year and instead prohibits killing or taking more than the number of wild turkey allowed during an open season established by rule by the commissioner.

**LD 109 An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting by Landowners and Those with Landowner Permission**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STROM S	ONTP OTP	

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This bill allows hunting on Sundays on private property with the permission of the landowner.

**LD 110      An Act To Assist Island and Coastal Communities with Controlling Excess Deer Populations      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R MAKER J	ONTP	

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

This bill proposes to address the problem of excess populations of deer in island and coastal communities.

**LD 187      Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY M DAVIS P	ONTP	

This resolve creates the Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules. The commission is required to submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 16, 2018.

**LD 188      An Act To Allow Dipping for Smelt on King Pond in Hancock County      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LYFORD P	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows a person to fish for smelt by use of a dip net in King Pond in the Town of Great Pond in Hancock County.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-54)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, repeals on January 1, 2020 the section that allows smelt fishing in King Pond.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 189      An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sunday in Aroostook County and Unorganized Townships in Western Maine      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAGGAN D SAVIELLO T	ONTP OTP	

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This bill creates an exception to the prohibition against hunting wild birds on Sunday. The bill allows hunting wild birds on Sunday in Aroostook County and in unorganized townships in the counties of Piscataquis, Somerset, Franklin, Oxford, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Cumberland and York.

**LD 190      An Act To Allow Spearfishing for Northern Pike in Sebago Lake      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ORDWAY L DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill allows the use of a spear or speargun to fish for northern pike in Sebago Lake.

**LD 191      An Act To Allow Open Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Weekends and Events      PUBLIC 97**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-90

This bill establishes, beginning July 1, 2018, a three-day all-terrain vehicle registration reciprocity with the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment repeals the provision of law that allows a snowmobile registered in another state or the Canadian province of New Brunswick or Quebec to operate in Maine for at least three consecutive days without being registered in this State if that other state or province extends that reciprocity to a snowmobile registered in this State. Instead, this amendment allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish one three-day period annually during which a nonresident may operate in Maine a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registered in another state or any Canadian province.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 97 repeals the provision of law that allows a snowmobile registered in another state or the Canadian province of New Brunswick or Quebec to operate in Maine for at least three consecutive days without being registered in this State if that other state or province extends that reciprocity to a snowmobile registered in this State. Instead, Public Law 2017, chapter 97 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish one three-day period annually during which a nonresident may operate in Maine a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registered in another state or any Canadian province.

**LD 222      An Act Regarding Maine's Moose Lottery      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P DESCHAMBAULT S	ONTP	

This bill restricts eligibility to apply for a moose hunting permit to residents, nonresidents and aliens eight years of age and older.

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**LD 241      An Act To Eliminate the Authority of Game Wardens To Violate the Hunting and Fishing Laws When Carrying Out the Duties of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife      Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

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

This bill eliminates the authority of game wardens and other officials with the powers of game wardens to violate the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13 in carrying out their duties and powers.

**LD 275      An Act To Expand Disabled Veteran Eligibility for Complimentary Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses      PUBLIC 100**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J CHENETTE J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-97

This bill expands eligibility for complimentary hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, including permits, stamps and other permissions necessary to hunt, trap and fish in Maine, to include nonresident disabled veterans who hold valid hunting or fishing licenses in the states in which they are residents.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-97)**

This amendment, which is the majority report, allows a nonresident veteran with a disability evaluated at 50% or more to obtain at no cost all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses and other provisions in Maine, if the nonresident's state has a reciprocal agreement with Maine. The amendment removes from the bill the requirement that a nonresident veteran hold a valid hunting, trapping or fishing license in the nonresident's state.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 100 allows a nonresident veteran with a disability evaluated at 50% or more to obtain at no cost all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses and other provisions in Maine, if the nonresident's state has a reciprocal agreement with Maine.

**LD 276      An Act To Require a Game Warden's Certificate To Kill Wild Animals Causing Damage to Crops or Orchards and Notification to Nearby Residents      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J CYRWAY S	ONTP OTP	

This bill requires the cultivator, owner, mortgagee or keeper of any orchard or growing crop to obtain a certificate from a game warden in order to take or kill wild animals or wild turkeys causing substantial damage to the orchard or crop. The game warden must investigate the circumstances of the application for a certificate and may issue the certificate if the game warden is satisfied that a wild animal or wild turkey is causing substantial damage to an orchard or crop. The certificate must describe the animals that may be taken or killed and the area where the animals may be taken or killed. The certificate holder must notify residents within 1,000 feet of the boundary of the area where the animals may be taken or killed that the certificate holder is authorized to take or kill those animals in

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that area.

**LD 277      An Act Regarding the Use of Helmets by Minors Riding in an All-terrain Vehicle with an Adult      ONTP**

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

This bill provides an exemption to the requirement that a passenger under 18 years of age on an all-terrain vehicle wear protective headgear. The bill allows a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a passenger to operate an all-terrain vehicle while the passenger on that all-terrain vehicle is not wearing protective headgear when the passenger is under eight years of age and is riding directly adjacent to the operator on an all-terrain vehicle with side-by-side seating.

**LD 278      An Act To Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R MAKER J	ONTP OTP	

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

**LD 279      An Act To Give Veterans Priority in the Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMMONS A	ONTP	

This bill requires an antlerless deer permit system adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to give priority in the issuance of a permit to a veteran who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard.

**LD 305      An Act To Increase the Penalty for Allowing Wildlife in Captivity To Escape in Violation of a Permit Requirement      PUBLIC 285**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S HANINGTON S	OTP-AM ONTP	S-284

This bill provides that a permit is required to import exotic wildlife into or possess wildlife in the State or receive exotic wildlife. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required to adopt rules that specify the criteria for issuing such a permit. The bill allows the commissioner to adopt rules to require permitted exotic wildlife to carry or be embedded with a tracking device. The bill requires the holder of a permit for exotic wildlife to provide notice to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service and all landowners within the range of travel of the wildlife in the event of an escape of the wildlife.

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**Committee Amendment "A" (S-30)**

This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill. The bill provides that a permit is required to import exotic wildlife or possess wildlife in the State or receive exotic wildlife and stipulates the requirements for that permit; the amendment instead provides that a person who allows wildlife in captivity to escape that person's possession or control in violation of rules governing keeping wildlife in captivity or an additional permit condition or requirement commits a Class E crime.

This amendment was not adopted.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-284)**

This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill. The bill provides that a permit is required to import exotic wildlife or possess wildlife in the State or receive exotic wildlife and stipulates the requirements for that permit. The amendment provides that a person who allows wildlife in captivity to escape that person's possession or control in violation of rules governing keeping wildlife in captivity or an additional permit condition or requirement commits a Class E crime if the person does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer or if the person notifies a law enforcement officer but the wildlife is not permitted. If the wildlife is not permitted and escapes and the person does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer, the person commits a Class D crime.

For clarity, it is noted that this amendment was reported out after the bill was recommitted to the committee. Committee Amendment "A" was the majority report when the bill was first reported out; Committee Amendment "B" was the majority report when the bill was subsequently reported out after being recommitted to the committee.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 285 provides that a person who allows wildlife in captivity to escape that person's possession or control in violation of rules governing keeping wildlife in captivity or an additional permit condition or requirement commits a Class E crime if the person does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer or if the person notifies a law enforcement officer but the wildlife is not permitted. If the wildlife is not permitted and escapes and the person does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer, the person commits a Class D crime.

**LD 325      An Act To Amend the Process for Distributing Any-deer Permits      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RILEY C KEIM L	ONTP	

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, if antlerless deer permits are issued, to issue antlerless deer permits to applicants who are chosen through a public chance drawing. The commissioner is required to adopt rules by November 1, 2017 establishing a public chance drawing for antlerless deer permits, including provisions for awarding to applicants who are not selected for a permit points that increase the applicants' chances of being selected in a subsequent consecutive year.

The bill requires the commissioner to issue antlerless deer permits to veterans, who are not required to participate in the public chance drawing. The number of permits issued to veterans is determined by the commissioner annually based upon the deer population.

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**LD 340      An Act To Provide 100 Percent Disabled Veterans Antlerless Deer Permits in the Zone of Their Choice      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S CYRWAY S	ONTP	

This bill allows a veteran who has a service-connected disability evaluated at 100% by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces who is issued an antlerless deer permit to choose a wildlife management district in which the person may take an antlerless deer as long as that district is open to the taking of antlerless deer.

**LD 341      An Act To Promote Deer Hunting      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WADSWORTH N	ONTP	

This bill limits deer hunters to harvesting only deer with three or more tines of one inch or longer along the main beam of either or both antlers.

**LD 342      An Act To Require the Use of Personal Flotation Devices in Canoes      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAKER J STEWART H	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires the use of a Coast Guard approved Type I, Type II or Type III personal flotation device while canoeing.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-32)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, requires that a person operating or being a passenger in a kayak wear a personal flotation device.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 359      An Act To Protect Maine Lakes and Ponds from Invasive Species      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P	ONTP OTP	

This bill requires that any passive watercraft placed or operated on the inland waters of the State have an invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species sticker affixed on its bow. This sticker may be purchased for a one-time fee of

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\$5, and the fee revenues from the sale of the sticker will be credited to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund established in the Department of Environmental Protection under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1863 and to the Lake and River Protection Fund established within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under Title 12, section 10257. These two funds, among other things, support invasive aquatic plant and nuisance species prevention, containment, eradication and management activities in the State.

### **LD 424      An Act To Extend the Big Game Season in Coastal Wildlife Management Areas**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J WOODSOME D	ONTP OTP	

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow hunting on Sunday and directs the commissioner to allow hunting on five Sundays for the respective hunting seasons for bear, moose, deer and wild turkey in coastal wildlife management areas on public land and private land of five acres or more with the landowner's permission.

### **LD 425      An Act To Extend Fall Fishing Opportunities**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This bill establishes a limited season for fishing from October 1st to October 31st, during which a holder of a fishing license may catch fish as long as the fish is immediately returned to the water in which it was caught.

### **LD 426      An Act To Allow Hunters Whose Religion Prohibits Wearing Hunter Orange Clothing To Instead Wear Red**

**PUBLIC 82**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D THIBODEAU M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-130

This bill allows a hunter whose religion prohibits the wearing of hunter orange to instead wear red. It also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules to reflect this exemption.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-130)**

This amendment provides that a person with a religious opposition to wearing hunter orange may substitute articles of bright red clothing, instead of articles of red clothing as the bill provides, for the required articles of hunter orange clothing.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 82 provides that a person with a religious opposition to wearing hunter orange may substitute articles of bright red clothing for the articles of hunter orange clothing otherwise required by law.

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**LD 427      An Act To Give Certain Landowners First Priority for Antlerless Deer Permits      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill amends the current antlerless deer hunting permit system to require that all antlerless deer permits available in a wildlife management district be issued to landowners of record who own at least 50 contiguous acres of land open to hunting by the public and have applied for the permit. It also provides that if the number of available antlerless deer permits in a wildlife management district exceeds the number of eligible landowner applications, the remaining permits must be issued to junior hunters who have applied for an antlerless deer permit in that district. If the number of antlerless deer permits available in a wildlife management district exceeds the number of eligible landowner applications and junior hunter applications, the commissioner is directed to issue the remaining permits as provided in current law.

**LD 471      Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine      Accepted Report A (ONTP)**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDEN J JACKSON T	ONTP OTP-AM OTP-AM	

This resolve creates the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine. The commission is required to submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 30, 2018. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is prohibited from making any expenditure of over \$150,000 to repair or upgrade its salmonid fish hatcheries until the report is received and its recommendations acted upon.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-57)**

This amendment is a minority report of the committee. It replaces the resolve and requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a working group to study, assess and evaluate salmonid fish culture facilities in the State and the associated production and distribution capabilities, opportunities, needs and contributions to the economy of the State of cultured salmonid fish and propose changes to the fish production laws and rules. A report from the working group is due by December 6, 2017 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This amendment was not adopted.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-56)**

This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, amends the resolve to conform to the Joint Rules of the Legislature with respect to appointments to and chairs of the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine. The amendment also removes the provision that prohibits the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from spending over \$150,000 on fish hatcheries until the report of the commission is completed.

This amendment was not adopted.

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**LD 483      An Act To Improve Enforcement of Snowmobile Noise Levels**

**PUBLIC 71**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-48

This bill removes provisions of law regarding snowmobile noise levels to reflect current snowmobile manufacturing standards.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-48)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after February 1, 2007 unless the snowmobile has a visible and unaltered certification marking issued by an independent organization that certifies snowmobiles for uniformity of safety features and noise levels on the snowmobile's exhaust silencer. The amendment provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after October 1, 1985 that emits total vehicle noise greater than 78 decibels.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 71 provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after February 1, 2007 unless the snowmobile has a visible and unaltered certification marking issued by an independent organization that certifies snowmobiles for uniformity of safety features and noise levels on the snowmobile's exhaust silencer. Public Law 2017, chapter 71 provides that a person may not operate a snowmobile manufactured after October 1, 1985 that emits total vehicle noise greater than 78 decibels.

**LD 484      An Act To Allow Ice Fishing in Seboomook Lake Township on Baker Lake and on Third, Fourth and Fifth St. John Ponds**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J	ONTP	

This bill allows ice fishing on Baker Lake and Third, Fourth and Fifth St. John ponds in Somerset County.

**LD 485      An Act To Allow Migratory Game Birds To Be Hunted on Sundays**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows Sunday hunting for migratory game birds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The bill allows hunting of migratory game birds on Sundays. The amendment allows hunting of migratory game birds, except the American woodcock, on Sundays. The amendment prohibits hunting migratory game birds on Sundays from agricultural land except with the landowner's permission. The amendment prohibits hunting migratory game birds on Wednesdays and possession of a migratory game bird that

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was hunted on a Wednesday. The amendment provides that a person who hunts migratory game birds on a Wednesday or possesses a migratory game bird that was hunted on a Wednesday commits a Class E crime.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 506      An Act To Allow Reciprocal Recognition of New Hampshire and Maine Snowmobile Registrations      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D WADSWORTH N	ONTP	

This bill allows a person from November 15th to May 1st to operate in this State a snowmobile registered in the State of New Hampshire if the State of New Hampshire allows a person to operate in the State of New Hampshire a snowmobile registered in this State.

**LD 509      An Act To Allocate at Least 10 Percent of Antlerless Deer Permits Available in Each Wildlife Management District to Hunters 70 Years of Age and Older      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P BLACK R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that at least 10% of antlerless deer permits issued in a wildlife management district be issued to eligible hunters who are 70 years of age and older.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, decreases the percentage of antlerless deer permits issued in a wildlife management district to eligible hunters 70 years of age and older from 10%, as provided in the bill, to 5%.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 547      An Act To Update Maine's Fishing Laws      PUBLIC 150**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S DUCHESNE R	OTP-AM	S-167

This bill:

1. Prohibits a person from altering fish, including smelts, from their natural state until after a wet measure has been conducted;
2. Replaces the term "alewives" with the term "river herring" to be more consistent with Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife usage. The definition of river herring includes both alewives and blueback herring; and
3. Removes several species from the definition of baitfish that do not exist in the waters of the State, are not

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commonly used or sold in the State or are found in very localized areas and should not be used as bait due to the possibility of introduction into other areas with adverse effects.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)**

This amendment clarifies that fish may not be altered from their natural state before being measured for compliance with a volume limit established by rule by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 150:

1. Prohibits a person from altering fish, including smelts, from their natural state until after a wet measure has been conducted;
2. Replaces the term "alewives" with the term "river herring" to be more consistent with Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife usage. The definition of river herring includes both alewives and blueback herring; and
3. Removes several species from the definition of baitfish that do not exist in the waters of the State, are not commonly used or sold in the State or are found in very localized areas and should not be used as bait due to the possibility of introduction into other areas with adverse effects.

**LD 552 An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing Laws**

**PUBLIC 72**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LYFORD P	OTP	

This bill makes the following changes to the fish and wildlife licensing laws.

1. It eliminates the \$50 examination fee for a taxidermy license.
2. It clarifies the length of the period of time during which a person who has obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit.
3. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a complimentary group fishing license to a person or entity that allows a group of persons with disabilities to fish in a location for a period of time as specified on the license.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 72 makes the following changes to the fish and wildlife licensing laws.

1. It eliminates the \$50 examination fee for a taxidermy license.
2. It clarifies the length of the period of time during which a person who has obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit.
3. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a complimentary group fishing license to a person or entity that allows a group of persons with disabilities to fish in a location for a period of time as specified on the license.

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**LD 553      An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have Accumulated at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit**

**PUBLIC 76  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
REED R	OTP-AM	H-68

This bill guarantees a moose permit to resident applicants who are 65 years of age or older and have accumulated 30 points or more in the public chance drawing for moose permits.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 76 guarantees a moose permit to resident applicants who are 65 years of age or older and have accumulated 30 points or more in the public chance drawing for moose permits.

Public Law 2017, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 21, 2017.

**LD 555      An Act To Allow Owners of 25 Acres or More of Land That Is Open to the Public for Hunting To Take Any Deer without a Special Permit**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOLEY R COLLINS R	ONTP	

This bill allows a landowner of 25 acres or more who possesses a valid deer hunting license to take an antlerless deer on the landowner's property under that license during hunting season if the property is open to the public for hunting and not located in a wildlife management district that does not have antlerless deer permits issued.

**LD 557      An Act To Revoke the Hunting and Fishing Licenses of a Person Charged with Defacing Property Posting Signs**

**PUBLIC 50**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-55

This bill prohibits destroying, tearing down, defacing or otherwise damaging property posting signs by hunters and provides for the one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person who is convicted of doing so.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-55)**

The bill prohibits destroying, tearing down, defacing or otherwise damaging property posting signs by hunters and provides for the one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person who is convicted of doing so. This amendment provides for a one-year suspension of the person's fishing license as well.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 50 prohibits destroying, tearing down, defacing or otherwise damaging property posting signs by hunters and provides for the one-year suspension of the hunting and fishing licenses of a person who is

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convicted of doing so.

**LD 558      An Act To Improve Moose Hunting**

**PUBLIC 96  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-91

This bill specifies that hunters under eight years of age may not hunt moose but may purchase applications for moose hunting permits in order to accrue points in the public chance drawing for moose permits.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)**

This amendment provides that hunters under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season are eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points in the public chance drawing for moose permits but are not eligible to receive a moose hunting permit. The amendment prohibits a person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season from being a subpermittee-designate or alternate subpermittee-designate.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 96 provides that hunters under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season are eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points in the public chance drawing for moose permits but are not eligible to receive a moose hunting permit. Public Law 2017, chapter 96 prohibits a person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season from being a subpermittee-designate or alternate subpermittee-designate.

Public Law 2017, chapter 96 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 28, 2017.

**LD 587      An Act To Allow Fees To Be Charged for Wild Game Dinners**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows a person who has lawfully killed a wild animal to sell the meat of the animal at a wild game dinner or to the organizer of a wild game dinner. The bill defines "wild game dinner" as a single event where meat from a lawfully taken animal is cooked and sold to persons at the event for immediate consumption.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-84)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the provisions of the bill that allow a person to sell the meat of a lawfully killed wild animal at a wild game dinner or to the organizer of a wild game dinner, instead providing that a civic or charitable organization may serve at a wild game dinner meat from lawfully killed wild game that was donated to that organization.

This amendment was not adopted.

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**LD 630      An Act To Expand Opportunities for Moose Permit Winners To Swap  
Their Permits**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D CYRWAY S		

This bill repeals the prohibition on the exchange for consideration of a moose permit in a designated hunting area, zone or season for another moose permit in a different designated hunting area, zone or season. The bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish an online transfer system for moose permits through which transfers of designated hunting areas, zones or seasons may be accomplished.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-313)**

This amendment, the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment repeals the prohibition on transferring a moose permit for consideration, but, unlike the bill, the amendment does not direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish an online transfer system for permits. This amendment clarifies that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may assist in the transfer of a permit to hunt in any assigned hunting area, zone or season between persons holding permits but that the State bears no responsibility for enforcing the terms of the exchange between the permit holders.

This amendment was not adopted.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-312)**

This amendment, the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The bill repeals the prohibition on transferring a moose permit for consideration and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish an online transfer system for permits. The amendment removes the provision of the bill that directs the department to establish an online transfer system for permits, but, like the bill, the amendment repeals the prohibition on transferring moose permits for consideration. This amendment prohibits persons other than the holders of moose permits who are exchanging hunting zones, areas or seasons to facilitate the exchange for any consideration. The amendment establishes that a person who facilitates an exchange of moose permits commits a Class E crime. The amendment clarifies that the State bears no responsibility for enforcing the terms of an exchange between the permit holders.

This amendment was not adopted.

This bill was reported out of committee then recommitted to the committee; it was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 631      An Act To Require an Operator of an All-terrain Vehicle Driven on  
Certain Roads To Have a Driver's License and Liability Insurance**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires an operator of an all-terrain vehicle who travels more than 500 yards on a public way designated as an ATV-access route to possess a valid driver's license and motor vehicle liability insurance for the ATV.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-120)**

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This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies provisions of law to reflect that a driver's license is required to operate an all-terrain vehicle or off-road vehicle on a way designated as an ATV-access route as provided in the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 632      *Resolve, To Recognize and Provide for the Right of Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Hunt Moose throughout Aroostook County*      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAR H	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allocate 25 moose permits for the 2017 hunting season that may be used throughout Aroostook County to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to be issued by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Council to members of the tribe who have received tribal moose permits.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-310)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the preamble in the resolve, changes the title and provides that the 25 moose permits allocated to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may be used only in areas of Aroostook County open to moose hunting under rules adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 693      *An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Hunting from a Vehicle*      PUBLIC 176**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STETKIS J DAVIS P	OTP-AM ONTP	H-349

This bill explicitly restricts the application of the law prohibiting shooting from motor vehicles and motorboats to shooting while hunting.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-349)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits a person, while hunting, from shooting a firearm or crossbow while in or on a motor vehicle other than an ATV or snowmobile and possessing a loaded firearm or a crossbow in a motor vehicle other than an ATV or snowmobile or while in or on a trailer or another vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle, except that a person may rest a loaded firearm or crossbow that is under the person's control on a motor vehicle other than an ATV or snowmobile as long as the motor vehicle is not moving and its engine is off. The amendment prohibits a person from shooting while in an enclosed area or passenger compartment of an ATV or snowmobile, but allows a person to shoot a firearm or crossbow from or rest a loaded firearm or crossbow on the ATV or snowmobile when the ATV or snowmobile is not in motion and its engine is off. The amendment also provides that a person who is target shooting and not within an enclosed area or passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle may shoot a firearm or crossbow when the motor vehicle, trailer or other type of vehicle is not in motion and the engine is not running.

**Enacted Law Summary**

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Public Law 2017, chapter 176 prohibits a person, while hunting, from shooting a firearm or crossbow while in or on a motor vehicle other than an ATV or snowmobile and possessing a loaded firearm or a crossbow in a motor vehicle other than an ATV or snowmobile or while in or on a trailer or another vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle, except that a person may rest a loaded firearm or crossbow that is under the person's control on a motor vehicle other than an ATV or snowmobile as long as the motor vehicle is not moving and its engine is off. Public Law 2017, chapter 176 prohibits a person from shooting while in an enclosed area or passenger compartment of an ATV or snowmobile, but allows a person to shoot a firearm or crossbow from or rest a loaded firearm or crossbow on the ATV or snowmobile when the ATV or snowmobile is not in motion and its engine is off. Public Law 2017, chapter 176 also provides that a person who is target shooting and not within an enclosed area or passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle may shoot a firearm or crossbow when the motor vehicle, trailer or other type of vehicle is not in motion and the engine is not running.

**LD 694      An Act To Create a Local Option for a Sunday Exception Allowing Deer Hunting with Rifles** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ACKLEY K	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows a person who possesses a valid hunting license to possess hunting equipment and to hunt deer during the regular deer hunting season described under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11401, subsection 1, paragraph A, when hunters hunt with rifles, on Sunday on property that is located in a municipality, a plantation or the unorganized territory of a county that has successfully petitioned the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow hunting on Sunday as long as the person has obtained and is carrying the property owner's written consent to hunt with a map of the property. The bill allows a municipality, plantation or county with regard to its unorganized territory to petition the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow hunting on Sunday in its territory. The bill also repeals these provisions on December 1, 2021.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-311)**

The bill allows, with certain restrictions, any person to hunt on Sunday. This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish annual youth bear, deer, wild turkey and migratory waterfowl hunting weekends. A person who holds a valid junior hunting license may hunt on Sunday with the written permission of the landowner. The person must have in the person's possession the written permission of the landowner.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 695      An Act To Double the Number of Moose Permits Available for Auction by Conservation Organizations** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	ONTP OTP	

This bill doubles the number of moose permits for auction by conservation organizations from 10 permits to 20 permits and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to disburse at least 50% of the revenue from the auction to conservation organizations for the purpose of operating youth day camps.

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**LD 728      An Act Regarding Management and Stocking of Inland Fisheries      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B	ONTP	

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

This bill proposes to combine all fisheries managers under one roof and provide for a five-year sunset provision on all fisheries management rules and on all stocking plans.

**LD 729      An Act To Make Maine's Public Boat Launching Ramps Accessible by      ONTP  
Persons with Physical Disabilities**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R	ONTP	

This bill requires that newly built, repaired or refurbished public boat launching ramps be accessible to and usable by persons with physical disabilities in conformance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

**LD 732      An Act To Protect Young Bucks in Northern, Eastern and Western      ONTP  
Maine**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill prohibits taking deer that do not have at least three tines of one inch or more along the main beam of one antler in Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Hancock, Aroostook and Washington counties except as provided by rules adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that establish antlerless deer permits or special season deer permits.

**LD 767      An Act To Prohibit Feeding or Baiting Deer During Certain Parts of the      PUBLIC 225  
Year**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL L	OTP-AM	H-308

This bill prohibits the feeding of deer from August 15th to December 15th.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-308)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment expands the prohibition on baiting deer during an open hunting season on deer to also prohibit feeding deer by placing salt or any other bait or food in a place to entice deer to that place from June 1st to the start of an open hunting season on deer and from the close of all open hunting seasons on deer to December 15th if all open hunting seasons on deer are closed before December 15th.

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### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 225 expands the prohibition on baiting deer during an open hunting season on deer to also prohibit feeding deer by placing salt or any other bait or food in a place to entice deer to that place from June 1st to the start of an open hunting season on deer and from the close of all open hunting seasons on deer to December 15th if all open hunting seasons on deer are closed before December 15th.

#### **LD 768      An Act To Establish 2 Comprehensive Licenses for Hunting and for Hunting and Fishing**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G MIRAMANT D		

This bill establishes resident and nonresident comprehensive hunting licenses that allow hunting of all legal species subject to the moose, pheasant, migratory waterfowl, special season deer and antlerless deer permit requirements. The fee for the resident comprehensive hunting license is \$38 and the fee for the nonresident comprehensive hunting license is \$143.

The bill also establishes resident and nonresident comprehensive combination hunting and fishing licenses that allow fishing and hunting of all legal species, subject to the moose, pheasant, migratory waterfowl, special season deer and antlerless deer permit requirements. The fee for the resident comprehensive combination hunting and fishing license is \$55 and the fee for the nonresident comprehensive combination hunting and fishing license is \$178. The bill establishes January 1, 2018 as the effective date of these licenses.

This bill eliminates all alien licenses and permits and allows persons who are not citizens to purchase nonresident licenses and permits if they are not considered residents.

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or a clerk or other agent appointed by the commissioner who issues licenses to inquire of a license applicant which species the applicant intends to hunt under the license and limit the license to the species specified. A license with this limitation must clearly indicate the limitation.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

#### **LD 843      An Act To Adjust the Formula for Calculating the Allocation of Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	OTP-AM ONTP	H-217

This bill amends the law regarding the number of moose permits made available through a chance drawing to hunting outfitters, which is currently calculated as 10% of the number of permits made available in the public chance drawing above 3,140. The bill sets the number of moose permits made available to hunting outfitters at 10% of the number of permits in excess of the average number of permits made available in the public chance drawing per year since 1982 or 100, whichever is greater.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-217)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment reduces the number of moose hunting permits that may be issued to nonresidents from 10% to 8% and allows up to 2% of moose hunting permits to be issued to hunting

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outfitters instead of basing the number of permits issued to hunting outfitters upon the number of permits available over 3,140, which is the current law.

This bill was carried over was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

**LD 844      An Act To Make Excessive Boat Noise a Public Nuisance      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAY J	ONTP	

This bill makes excessive watercraft noise a public nuisance that may be enforced by a private right of action or by a law enforcement officer.

**LD 868      An Act Regarding Game That Is Confiscated in Connection with an Alleged Violation of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT T	ONTP OTP	

This bill requires the court to order the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a permit to take a deer or moose to a person found not to have violated the inland fisheries and wildlife laws when a deer or moose taken by the person and seized by the department had been disposed of before that finding was made.

**LD 869      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Tagging of Harvested Animals      PUBLIC 226**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITE D SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-309

This bill allows a person who has legally harvested an animal to keep the unregistered animal until a registration station within a reasonable distance of the person is open if no registration stations within a reasonable distance of the person are open due to a holiday or other legitimate reason.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-309)**

This amendment allows a person to keep an unregistered animal harvested by that person for longer than otherwise allowed if the person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal and the circumstances preventing the person from registering the animal. The bill allows a similar exception but only in circumstances when a registration station within a reasonable distance of the person is not open due to a holiday or other legitimate reason.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 226 allows a person to keep an unregistered animal harvested by that person for longer than otherwise allowed if the person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal and the circumstances preventing the person from registering the animal and no registration station within a reasonable distance of the person is open due to a holiday or other legitimate reason.

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**LD 933      An Act To Prohibit Personal Watercraft on Third Pond in Blue Hill      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	ONTP	

This bill prohibits the use of personal watercraft such as jet skis on Third Pond in the Town of Blue Hill in Hancock County.

**LD 1002      An Act To Add .17 Caliber Hornady Magnum Rimfire Rifle Cartridges to the Cartridges Acceptable for Deer Hunting      ONTP**

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

This bill excepts the .17 caliber Hornady magnum rimfire rifle cartridge, commonly known as the .17 HMR, from the prohibition on .17 caliber rimfire cartridges for deer hunting.

**LD 1018      An Act To Prohibit Stocking Fish in or Using Live Fish as Bait on Tributaries to State Heritage Fish Waters      ONTP**

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

This bill prohibits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from stocking fish in tributaries of state heritage fish waters and prohibits a person from using live fish as bait on such a tributary.

**LD 1019      An Act To Establish a 6-day Nonresident Archery License      PUBLIC 125**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-218

This bill exempts from the archery hunting license requirements a person over 16 years of age who hunts for bear under a valid bear hunting permit.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-218)**

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The bill exempts a person over 16 years of age from the archery hunting license requirements when the person is hunting for bear under a valid bear hunting permit. The amendment establishes a six-day nonresident archery license that costs \$26.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 125 exempts a person over 16 years of age from the archery hunting license requirements when the person is hunting for bear under a valid bear hunting permit. Public Law 2017, chapter 125 establishes a six-day nonresident archery license that costs \$26.

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**LD 1020     An Act To Minimize Crop Damage by Deer by Amending Certain Laws                     ONTP**  
**Governing Hunting**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

Current law allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to open to deer hunting certain coastal and island communities currently closed to hunting, subject to local approval, and to establish a youth deer hunting day. This bill requires the commissioner to open these communities to deer hunting as long as local restrictions are imposed. It requires, while current law permits, the commissioner to create special hunting seasons to control deer populations. It requires the commissioner to create special zones for deer hunting. It allows special hunting seasons and special zones to be created to minimize crop or property damage. It also requires the commissioner to establish a youth deer hunting day.

**LD 1038     An Act To Allow Junior Hunters To Take an Antlered or Antlerless Deer                     ONTP**  
**in Any Wildlife Management District on Youth Deer Hunting Day**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill allows a person who holds a valid junior hunting license to take an antlered or antlerless deer in any wildlife management district on youth deer hunting day.

**LD 1041     An Act Regarding the Safe Discharge of Firearms during Deer Hunting                     ONTP**  
**Season**

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

This bill makes shooting during the open firearm season on deer, which includes the special muzzle-loading open season on deer, at any wild animal or wild bird with a firearm having a rifled barrel from any public paved way or from within 100 feet from the center of the pavement of the public paved way or from within the right-of-way of any controlled access highway a Class E crime for which a fine of \$500 must be adjudged. It also provides for the one-year suspension of the hunting license of a person convicted of doing so.

**LD 1065     An Act To Dedicate All Money Raised from the Moose Lottery and                     ONTP**  
**Permits to Research and Management of Moose**

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

This bill requires that all proceeds derived from the sale of moose permits be dedicated to the Moose Research and Management Fund.

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**LD 1083 An Act To Increase the Penalties for Hunting Deer over Bait**

**PUBLIC 202**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-148 H-411 TUELL W

This bill makes the penalty for hunting over bait during an open season on deer a mandatory fine of \$500. It also provides for the one-year suspension of a hunting license of a person convicted of doing so.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-148)**

This amendment provides, like the bill, that the hunting license of a person who is convicted of hunting over bait during an open season on deer must be revoked for one year. The amendment adds a provision for a two-year revocation for a second offense. The amendment removes the provision of the bill that imposes a mandatory fine of \$500.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-411)**

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to make a person convicted a 2nd time of placing or hunting over bait when hunting deer permanently ineligible to obtain a hunting license.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 202 provides that the hunting license of a person who is convicted of hunting over bait during an open season on deer must be revoked for one year and a person convicted a second time is permanently ineligible to obtain a hunting license.

**LD 1137 An Act To Lower the Age at Which a Person May Hunt with a Crossbow during Any Open Season**

**PUBLIC 239**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERRISH K COLLINS R	OTP-AM OTP-AM ONTP	H-351

This bill expands crossbow hunting for deer into the regular archery-only season on deer. It removes the requirement that a person must have a valid hunting or archery hunting license or an apprenticeship hunter license or archery hunting license in order to hunt with a crossbow. It also lowers from 70 years of age to 65 years of age the age at which a person may hunt a wild bird or wild animal with a crossbow during any open season on that wild bird or wild animal, hunt in an expanded archery zone and hunt during muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-351)**

This amendment removes the provisions of the bill that expand crossbow hunting for deer into the regular archery-only season on deer and that remove the requirement that a person must have a valid hunting or archery hunting license or an apprenticeship hunter license or archery hunting license in order to hunt with a crossbow. The amendment retains the provision of the bill that lowers from 70 years of age to 65 years of age the age at which a person may hunt a wild bird or wild animal with a crossbow during any open season on that wild bird or wild animal, hunt in an expanded archery zone and hunt during muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-352)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.





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by imprisonment for a term of one year. The bill allows a person to request a hearing to appeal the revocation, suspension or denial. The bill requires an applicant for or the holder of a guide license to notify the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of a conviction or a finding of not criminally responsible that is grounds for the revocation, suspension or denial of a guide license.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-206)**

This amendment adds to the bill a process by which a background check is performed on an applicant for a guide license. The amendment adds a requirement that an applicant for or the holder of a guide license must notify the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of a conviction or a finding of not criminally responsible that would disqualify the person from holding a guide license within 30 days of the conviction or finding.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 204 authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to revoke, suspend, refuse to issue or refuse to renew a guide license if the license holder has been convicted of committing a crime punishable by imprisonment for one year or more or is found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity of committing a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year. Public Law 2017, chapter 204 establishes a process by which a background check is performed on an applicant for a guide license. Public Law 2017, chapter 204 allows a person to request a hearing to appeal the revocation, suspension or denial. Public Law 2017, chapter 204 requires an applicant for or the holder of a guide license to notify the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of a conviction or a finding of not criminally responsible that is grounds for the revocation, suspension or denial of a guide license within 30 days of the conviction or finding.

## **LD 1497 An Act To Correct and Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws**

**PUBLIC 164**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD S	OTP-AM	H-322

This bill replaces the Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs program with youth and family outdoor recreational programs and activities to encourage hunting and fishing activities as well as shooting sports. It amends language regarding certain licenses to provide that certain permits are included in the licenses. It allows the spouse and children of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is permanently stationed outside of the State to purchase trapping licenses at a reduced rate. It simplifies language regarding a person 70 years of age or older hunting with a crossbow. It repeals a provision allowing a person under 16 years of age holding a valid junior hunting license to obtain a muzzle-loading permit from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It adds a wild turkey hunting permit to the nonresident small game apprenticeship hunter license. It repeals law establishing a youth bear hunting day. It changes the law regarding unlawful possession of wild turkeys to reflect the increase of the bag limit from one to two. It prohibits placing bait for wild turkeys and hunting over that bait for 30 days prior to the spring wild turkey hunting season. It adds firearms using a caliber cartridge smaller than the .22 caliber cartridge to the exceptions from the law prohibiting hunting with any automatic firearm. It amends the provision of a residents-only day in the law regarding open and closed seasons for deer to account for an exception for certain nonresident landowners. It repeals a provision making nonresident aliens ineligible to purchase a trapping license, as they are eligible to purchase a license to trap beaver when their state or province of residency allows residents of the State to trap beaver in that state or province and removes language requiring clerks or agents appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to charge \$2 for each trapping license issued. It raises the fee for a resident and nonresident apprentice trapper license by \$1, consistent with changes to fees in Public Law 2015, chapter 245. It makes it a Class E crime for a licensee to receive, possess for resale, sell or offer to sell gift baitfish or gift smelts. It amends the law describing how the Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations are distributed. It updates the name of an endangered species of bird. It changes the expiration date of a taxidermy license so that licenses expire three years from their date of issuance. It corrects a cross-reference. It allows ATVs, including two-wheel off-road motorcycles, without headlights or taillights to be operated between sunrise and

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sunset.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-322)**

This amendment repeals provisions of law that allow hunting with firearms using the .22 caliber rimfire cartridge or any autoloading pistol having a barrel less than eight inches in length when the firearm is an automatic firearm or the cartridges contain tracer bullets or explosive bullets. The amendment removes provisions of the bill affecting turkey bag limits and time limits on certain turkey hunting methods. The amendment allows a landowner to remove an ice shack placed on the landowner's property without permission immediately, rather than requiring the landowner to wait 15 days for the ice shack to be considered abandoned, which current law requires. The amendment provides that any person, rather than residents only, may register a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old as an antique snowmobile.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 164 replaces the Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs program with youth and family outdoor recreational programs and activities to encourage hunting and fishing activities as well as shooting sports. It amends language regarding certain licenses to provide that certain permits are included in the licenses. It allows the spouse and children of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is permanently stationed outside of the State to purchase trapping licenses at a reduced rate. It simplifies language regarding a person 70 years of age or older hunting with a crossbow. It repeals a provision allowing a person under 16 years of age holding a valid junior hunting license to obtain a muzzle-loading permit from the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It adds a wild turkey hunting permit to the nonresident small game apprenticeship hunter license. It repeals law establishing a youth bear hunting day. It adds firearms using a caliber cartridge smaller than the .22 caliber cartridge to the exceptions from the law prohibiting hunting with any automatic firearm and repeals provisions of law that allow hunting with firearms using the .22 caliber rimfire cartridge or any autoloading pistol having a barrel less than eight inches in length when the firearm is an automatic firearm or the cartridges contain tracer bullets or explosive bullets. It amends the provision of a residents-only day in the law regarding open and closed seasons for deer to account for an exception for certain nonresident landowners. It repeals a provision making nonresident aliens ineligible to purchase a trapping license, as they are eligible to purchase a license to trap beaver when their state or province of residency allows residents of the State to trap beaver in that state or province and removes language requiring clerks or agents appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to charge \$2 for each trapping license issued. It raises the fee for a resident and nonresident apprentice trapper license by \$1, consistent with changes to fees in Public Law 2015, chapter 245. It makes it a Class E crime for a licensee to receive, possess for resale, sell or offer to sell gift baitfish or gift smelts. It amends the law describing how the Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations are distributed. It updates the name of an endangered species of bird. It changes the expiration date of a taxidermy license so that licenses expire three years from their date of issuance. It corrects a cross-reference. It allows ATVs, including two-wheel off-road motorcycles, without headlights or taillights to be operated between sunrise and sunset. It provides that any person, rather than residents only, may register a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old as an antique snowmobile. It allows a landowner to remove an ice shack placed on the landowner's property without permission immediately, rather than requiring the landowner to wait 15 days for the ice shack to be considered abandoned.

**LD 1580     An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Wildlife Laws**

**PUBLIC 205**

Sponsor(s)

WOOD S

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-425

This bill:

1. Moves the planning functions of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the Division of Planning, which no longer exists, to the Bureau of Resource Management;

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2. Allows a person to capture and possess reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates native to this State and not listed by the department as threatened, endangered or of special concern without a permit, within certain possession limits;
3. Clarifies the purpose for each type of captive wildlife permit issued by the department and the issuance of three-day hold game bird propagation permits and one-year game bird propagation permits and establishes fees for those permits;
4. Clarifies that the provision of law regarding release of wildlife into the wild applies to birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates;
5. Eliminates the requirement to band imported pheasants; and
6. Gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to open a town or a designated geographical area to the taking of antlerless deer within a wildlife management district that does not allow the taking of antlerless deer.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-425)**

This amendment provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may adopt rules that classify wildlife into categories for the purpose of determining necessary permits and applicable fees for permits to keep wildlife in captivity. The amendment establishes new permits and fees for wildlife in captivity depending upon the type of wildlife kept and the purposes for which it is kept. The amendment repeals the requirement that a person hold an importation permit for pheasants. This amendment establishes fees for commercial amphibian permits and commercial nonmarine invertebrate permits of \$27 each and provides that those permits expire one year from the date of issuance.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 205:

1. Moves the planning functions of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the Division of Planning, which no longer exists, to the Bureau of Resource Management;
2. Gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to open a designated geographical area to the taking of antlerless deer within a wildlife management district that does not allow the taking of antlerless deer;
3. Provides that the commissioner may adopt rules that classify wildlife into categories for the purpose of determining necessary permits and applicable fees for permits to keep wildlife in captivity;
4. Establishes new permits and fees for wildlife in captivity depending upon the type of wildlife kept and the purposes for which it is kept;
5. Repeals the requirement that a person hold an importation permit for pheasants; and
6. Establishes fees for commercial amphibian permits and commercial nonmarine invertebrate permits of \$27 each and provides that those permits expire one year from the date of issuance.

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**LD 1582 An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Laws**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S	ONTP	

This bill makes several changes to the State's fish and wildlife enforcement laws. The bill:

1. Makes it legal for a person to use wireless, digital imaging technology as a means to comply with a trap tending requirement;
2. Makes it clear that hunting with thermal imaging equipment is illegal;
3. Creates a \$20 penalty for each quart over the two-quart limit on smelts;
4. Amends terminology in the law governing apprentice hunter license restrictions;
5. Makes it illegal to fraudulently obtain registrations in addition to licenses and permits that are provided by the department;
6. Makes failing to stop for a law enforcement officer while operating a snowmobile or watercraft a Class D crime consistent with the provision applying to all-terrain vehicles;
7. Makes the airbow a legal hunting implement when used within certain parameters. It defines "airbow," "crossbow" and "hand-held bow";
8. Specifies that, in addition to a firearm, a person convicted of a domestic violence offense may not own, possess or have under that person's control a crossbow or muzzleloader or archery equipment;
9. Requires all edible meat from bear, deer or moose to be presented for registration along with evidence of gender. It allows these animals to be dismembered for ease of transportation;
10. Strengthens language within the prohibition of abuse of another person's property by removing reference to certain stated activities such as hunting, fishing or trapping to allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enforce the law against persons who abuse another person's property but who may not be involved in an activity such as hunting, fishing or trapping;
11. Sets August 1st as the beginning date for bear baiting season; and
12. It replaces the requirement that a boat operator have a license from the department to carry passengers for hire with a requirement that the operator successfully complete a boating safety course provided by a national association of boating law administrators approved by the commissioner.

**LD 1626 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Assume Ownership of the Forest City Project**

**RESOLVE 23**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B JACKSON T	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-524

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This resolve authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to assume ownership of the dam and water storage project known as the Forest City Project and requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to oversee the management of the Forest City Project.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-524)**

This amendment, the majority report of the committee, provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, rather than the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as provided in the resolve, may assume ownership of the dam and water storage project known as the Forest City Project, together with associated flowage rights, from Woodland Pulp LLC if certain contingencies are met. The contingencies that must be satisfied before the department is authorized to assume ownership of the Forest City Project are that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must determine that, once ownership is transferred, the State will not be subject to a licensing requirement by that commission and that the State must enter into an agreement with Woodland Pulp LLC that provides that Woodland Pulp LLC and its successors will maintain and operate the Forest City Project, at the direction of the State and with certain limited exceptions, for a period of 15 years from the date of the transfer at no cost to the State. The amendment also removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

### **Committee Amendment "B" (H-525)**

This amendment, the minority report of the committee, provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, rather than the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as provided in the resolve, may assume ownership of the dam and water storage project known as the Forest City Project, together with associated flowage rights, from Woodland Pulp LLC if certain contingencies are met. The contingencies that must be satisfied before the department is authorized to assume ownership of the Forest City Project are that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must determine that, once ownership is transferred, the State will not be subject to a licensing requirement by that commission and that the State must enter into an agreement with Woodland Pulp LLC that provides that Woodland Pulp LLC and its successors will maintain and operate the Forest City Project, at the direction of the State and with certain limited exceptions, for a period of 30 years from the date of the transfer at no cost to the State. The amendment also removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

This amendment was not adopted.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 23, provides that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may assume ownership of the dam and water storage project known as the Forest City Project, together with associated flowage rights, from Woodland Pulp LLC if certain contingencies are met. The contingencies that must be satisfied before the department is authorized to assume ownership of the Forest City Project are that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must determine that, once ownership is transferred, the State will not be subject to a licensing requirement by that commission and that the State must enter into an agreement with Woodland Pulp LLC that provides that Woodland Pulp LLC and its successors will maintain and operate the Forest City Project, at the direction of the State and with certain limited exceptions, for a period of 15 years from the date of the transfer at no cost to the State.

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#### **Enacted**

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#### **Enacted**

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#### **Not Enacted**

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#### **Not Enacted**

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### **Dogs and Dog Training**

#### **Not Enacted**

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### Enacted

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### Not Enacted

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### Enacted

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### Not Enacted

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### *Lakes, Rivers and Dams*

#### Enacted

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#### Not Enacted

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#### Not Enacted

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#### Enacted

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#### Not Enacted

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## *Moose*

### Enacted

LD 553 An Act To Offer Hunters 65 Years of Age or Older Who Have Accumulated at Least 30 Points a Guaranteed Moose Permit PUBLIC 76 EMERGENCY

LD 558 An Act To Improve Moose Hunting PUBLIC 96 EMERGENCY

### Not Enacted

LD 222 An Act Regarding Maine's Moose Lottery ONTP

LD 630 An Act To Expand Opportunities for Moose Permit Winners To Swap Their Permits CARRIED OVER

LD 632 Resolve, To Recognize and Provide for the Right of Members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Hunt Moose throughout Aroostook County Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 695 An Act To Double the Number of Moose Permits Available for Auction by Conservation Organizations Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1065 An Act To Dedicate All Money Raised from the Moose Lottery and Permits to Research and Management of Moose ONTP

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### Enacted

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LD 1580 An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Wildlife Laws PUBLIC 205

### Not Enacted

LD 1582 An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Laws ONTP

## *Sunday Hunting*

### Not Enacted

LD 61 An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sundays by Licensed Hunters Using a Shotgun Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 109 An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting by Landowners and Those with Landowner Permission Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 189 An Act To Allow Bird Hunting on Sunday in Aroostook County and Unorganized Townships in Western Maine Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 424 An Act To Extend the Big Game Season in Coastal Wildlife Management Areas Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 485 An Act To Allow Migratory Game Birds To Be Hunted on Sundays Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 694 An Act To Create a Local Option for a Sunday Exception Allowing Deer Hunting with Rifles Majority (ONTP) Report

**Watercraft**

**Not Enacted**

LD 342	An Act To Require the Use of Personal Flotation Devices in Canoes	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 844	An Act To Make Excessive Boat Noise a Public Nuisance	ONTP
LD 933	An Act To Prohibit Personal Watercraft on Third Pond in Blue Hill	ONTP

**Wild Turkey**

**Enacted**

LD 98	An Act To Provide Greater Authority to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife over the Management of Wild Turkeys	PUBLIC 85
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**Wildlife in Captivity**

**Enacted**

LD 305	An Act To Increase the Penalty for Allowing Wildlife in Captivity To Escape in Violation of a Permit Requirement	PUBLIC 285
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**Not Enacted**

LD 35	Resolve, To Allow the Unlicensed Ownership of Hedgehogs as Pets	ONTP
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