

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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35 MRSA § 2302, as amended by PL 1967, c. 382, § 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

The Public Utilities Commission, in its discretion, may make a declaration without public hearing, if it appears the utility serving or authorized to serve, the utility seeking consent from the commission to provide service and the customer or customers to receive service agree that the utility seeking consent to serve should provide service.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 35

### AN ACT Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

17-A MRSA § 510, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, as enacted by P. L. 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read:

C. He deprives any animal which he owns or possesses of necessary sustenance, shelter, protection from the weather or humanely clean conditions;

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## CHAPTER 36

### AN ACT Relating to Livestock Disease Control.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

7 MRSA § 1756, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 41, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

#### § 1756. Appraisal and indemnity

Upon discovery of any contagious or infectious disease among domestic animals, the commissioner may cause the affected or exposed animals to be appraised and destroyed, and a proper disposition of the carcasses made in accordance with rules and regulations made by him, as authorized and provided. The commissioner shall appraise each domestic animal at its true market value at the time it is condemned, provided that no indemnity shall be paid except as established in state-federal cooperative eradication programs for domestic animals and in those amounts as set by those agreements. In no case shall the combined amount received from salvage and state and federal indemnity exceed the amount of appraisal.