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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;

Effective October 24, 1977

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7 MRSA § 1756, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 41, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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

No indemnity shall be paid on any domestic animals imported into the State, the importation of which was not in compliance with the laws of the State or rules and regulations in effect at the time of importation.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 37

AN ACT to Authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to Empower Local and County Law Enforcement Officials with Statewide Jurisdiction.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a serious problem exists in coordinating statewide enforcement in drug related offenses without statewide authority for covert personnel; and

Whereas, the control of drug trafficking in the State of Maine is essential for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of its citizens; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

25 MRSA § 2903 is enacted to read:

§ 2903. Temporary enforcement powers

The Commissioner of Public Safety, at his discretion, is authorized to grant statewide power of enforcement of the criminal laws of the State to local law enforcement officers, as defined in section 2805, assigned to the Department of Public Safety for the duration of that assignment, according to procedures established for that purpose. That power shall be granted only to local law enforcement officers who have completed a basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or for whom the basic training course has been waived by the board of trustees of the academy because of equivalent training, as provided in section 2805, subsection 1.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 22, 1977