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Except as provided by existing statute, the commissioner shall have general supervision of the administration and enforcement of the inland fisheries and wildlife laws and shall have the responsibility for the management of all inland fish and wildlife in the State.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2470 is enacted to read:

§ 2470. Municipal ordinances prohibited

No municipality of the State shall enact any ordinances regulating the hunting or trapping of any species of wildlife, except that this section shall not be interpreted to prohibit the enactment of any ordinance generally regulating the discharge of firearms in a municipality or any part thereof.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2757 is enacted to read:

§ 2757. Municipal ordinances prohibited

No municipality of the State shall enact any ordinance regulating inland fishing.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 363

AN ACT to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Transportation.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 1002, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended to read:

The department, on petition of the municipal officers of 2 or more towns through which extends a continuous state aid highway or town way, may from year to year lay out winter routes over such state aid highways or town ways as in their judgment seem advisable for the clearance of snow therefrom for the reasonable use of motor vehicles ~~sleighs and sleds~~ during such season.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA § 1003, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended to read:

Towns through which extends such a system of winter routes approved and accepted by the department in accordance with section 1002 shall, through and by their board of municipal officers, keep said state aid highways and town ways cleared of snow during the winter season or such part of the year as the department may direct, so that they may be reasonably usable by motor vehicles ~~sleighs and sleds~~.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §§ 2401 - 2405 and § 2407 are repealed.

Sec. 4. 23 MRSA § 2954 is repealed.

Sec. 5. 23 MRSA § 3651, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

Highways, town ways and streets legally established shall be opened and kept in repair so as to be safe and convenient for travelers with motor vehicles ~~horses, teams and carriages~~.

Sec. 6. 23 MRSA § 3657 is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 364

AN ACT to Permit Farmers to Shoot Marauding Animals.

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

12 MRSA § 2354, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 231, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7. Destruction of property. Except as provided in subsection 1 as it applies to deer, any person may lawfully kill, or cause to be killed, any wild animal night or day, except beaver or any wild bird, found in the act of attacking, worrying or wounding that person's domestic animals or destroying that person's property.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 365

AN ACT Relating to the Practice of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen.

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

32 MRSA § 4056, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 767, §§ 55-58, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4056. Investigations; hearings; suspension or revocation of license