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fingerprint-based
background checks for
teachers and educational
personnel.

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

Effective May 3, 1999.

CHAPTER 111

H.P. 572 - L.D. 812

An Act to Allow the State Police to Accept Revenue for Providing Services to Municipalities and Counties

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1508, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 275, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1508. Criminal justice telecommunications and radio communications systems

1. Telecommunications system. The Bureau of the State Police shall provide for the installation, operation and maintenance of a criminal justice telecommunications system for the purpose of promptly collecting, exchanging and distributing information relating to criminal justice problems of the State, counties and municipalities. The system may be connected, directly or indirectly, with similar systems operated and maintained by other states or the Federal Government.

2. Telecommunications expenses; revenue. The Chief of the State Police shall provide for the location and maintenance of the central processing system and telecommunications lines. Federal agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and municipalities shall provide, at their own expense, the terminals, personnel and supplies for their proper operation. The Bureau of the State Police may charge the various federal agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and municipalities for the installation and maintenance of the end-user routers and modems necessary to connect to the criminal justice telecommunications system. Revenue received from federal agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and municipalities must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services.

3. Guidelines. The criminal justice telecommunications system must be installed, operated and

maintained in accordance with the rules adopted by the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, the National Crime Information Center and the Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee. The character of the communications sent, the time, place and manner of sending messages and all matters connected with the system are under the control and management of the Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee.

4. Radio communications and dispatch. The Bureau of the State Police may provide, at the request of a municipality or county, radio communications and dispatch services to the municipality or county.

5. Radio communications and dispatch revenue. The Chief of the State Police may charge the various federal agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and municipalities for the radio communications and dispatch services. Revenue received from federal agencies, state departments and agencies, counties and municipalities must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 112

H.P. 513 - L.D. 720

An Act Concerning the Method of Taking of Soft Shell Clams

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6623, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Artificial breathing device prohibited. A person may not fish for or take soft shell clams while using an artificial breathing device that allows that person to breathe underwater. This subsection does not apply to the holder of a lease issued under section 6072, 6072-A or 6072-B when fishing for or taking soft shell clams cultivated on the leased area.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 113

S.P. 401 - L.D. 1192

An Act to Update Insurance Financial Standards

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