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STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
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(4) Municipalities which belong to any special districts other than those enumerated above shall have their municipal debt limitation reduced by 1% of state valuation at 100% for each special district to which they belong.

B. —districts. The reductions in debt limitation specified in this Article shall be added together in those municipalities which belong to several special districts.

§ 5062. Exclusion

The limitations on municipal debt in this Article shall not be construed as applying to any funds received in trust by any municipality, any loan for the purpose of renewing existing loans or for war, temporary loans, loans taken in anticipation of federal or state aid or revenue sharing payments, tax anticipation loans, indebtedness of special districts and indebtedness of any municipality to the Maine School Building Authority.

§ 5063. Reporting by special districts

Each special district in the State, whether or not its boundaries are coterminous with the boundaries of a municipality, including districts established for the purposes of providing water, sewer, electric, educational, health, transportation, solid waste management, parking or recreation services, or any other public purpose, shall file an annual report of its total outstanding debt. Said reports shall include debts by amount, purpose, creditors, date incurred, interest rate, amortization period, amount of annual principal payments and annual interest payments and assessments and contributions received from municipalities in district to service said debts. The reports shall be filed within 90 days of the effective date of this Act for the immediately preceding fiscal year of each district and, thereafter, shall be filed within 45 days of the end date of each fiscal year. The reports shall be filed with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank upon forms to be provided by it. The information so reported shall be public records.

§ 5064. Minimum debt limit

In the event that the debt limit of a municipality, as computed by the terms of this Article, results in that municipality having a debt limit of less than 3% of the last state valuation at 100%, each municipality shall enjoy a minimum debt limit of 3% of the last state valuation at 100%.

Director's note: See Public Law, Chapter 788, Section 241 for effective date.

CHAPTER 666

AN ACT Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 1092, amended. Section 1092 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 89 of chapter 625 of the public laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1092. Malicious killing or injury to domestic animals or fowl; stealing

Whoever maliciously kills, sells, wounds, maims, disfigures or poisons any domestic animal, **fowl, waterfowl**, livestock, sheep, goats, swine, dog or cat ~~of another~~, or exposes any poisonous substance with intent that the life of such animal, **fowl, waterfowl**, livestock, sheep, goats, swine, dog or cat shall be destroyed thereby, on **his own land** or the lands owned or in possession of another or on any public or private way or public area, or steals or entices away or confines or harbors such animal, **fowl, waterfowl**, livestock, sheep, goats, swine, **dog or cat** for the purpose of obtaining a reward or for any other illegal purpose shall, when the offense is not of a high and aggravated nature, be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or by both, and when the offense is of a high and aggravated nature by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 4 years. The court shall order the person convicted of such a crime to make restitution to the owner thereof of the fair market value for any animal so killed, wounded, maimed, disfigured or poisoned, except as provided in Title 7, section 3602. If the person convicted cannot pay, as ordered, the court may place him on probation until such sentence is fully performed. Such probation may commence as ordered by the court. If he is sentenced to the State Prison or a correctional center, one condition of parole shall be restitution.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, § 1214, repealed and replaced. Section 1214 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 16 of chapter 598 of the public laws of 1973, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1214. Appointment of state humane agents

The commissioner shall appoint state humane agents who shall serve as agents of the commissioner in the enforcement of this chapter and as otherwise provided by law. Those personnel appointed as part-time agents shall be unclassified employees whose standards of employment, compensation and hours of employment shall be determined by the commissioner. The jurisdiction of each state humane agent shall extend throughout the State.

Effective June 28, 1974

CHAPTER 667

AN ACT Relating to Conflicts of Interest in Municipal Contracts and Proceedings Pursuant to the Securities Approval Act.

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

Whereas, the control of pollution deriving from the operation of industrial facilities is essential and immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and this Legislature has enacted the Municipal Securities Approval Act, constituting chapter 242 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, providing for the issuance of revenue obligation securities to pay the cost of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renewal or replacement of industrial pollution control projects; and