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STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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§ 1131. Premeditated animal fights

Whoever instigates, or promotes, or attends, or acts as umpire, or judge, or promotor, or is connected with, or participates in, or promotes a bullfight of any kind or nature, or any fight between game birds or game cocks, dogs or bulls, or between dogs and rats or other animals, premeditated by any person having custody thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than ~~\$200~~ \$2,000, or by imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than 6 months.

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

Effective February 21, 1975

CHAPTER 13

AN ACT to Change the Name of the Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services to the Department of Defense and Veterans Services.

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

Sec. 1. 37-A MRSA, § 1, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 709, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1. Department of Defense and Veterans Services

1. Department. There is created and established a Department of Defense and Veterans Services in this Title called the "department," to coordinate and improve the discharge of State Government's responsibility relating to the military, veterans services and civil emergency preparedness, to consist of the Adjutant General and the following as heretofore created and established: The Military Bureau; the Bureau of Civil Defense, to be named the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness and the Bureau of Veterans Services.

The Adjutant General shall be the commissioner of the Department of Defense and Veterans Services. The Adjutant General shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. He shall have the grade not to exceed that of Major General. The Adjutant General shall administer the department, subordinate only to the Governor and shall adopt such methods of administration, not inconsistent with the law, as he may deem necessary to render the department efficient. The Adjutant General is authorized to transfer personnel at his discretion from one bureau to another bureau within the department and is authorized to prepare a budget for the department.

The Adjutant General shall appoint a Deputy Adjutant General, subject to the approval of the Governor, whose qualifications shall be those set forth in section 213 for an Assistant Adjutant General. The duly appointed Deputy Adjutant General, regardless of rank, shall have all the powers and duties of

the Adjutant General in the case of the absence of the Adjutant General or his inability to act, or in the case of vacancy in said office, until such vacancy shall have been filled by the Governor, as provided by law. He shall not hold any other state office for compensation.

Sec. 2. **Amendatory clause.** Wherever in Title 37-A of the Revised Statutes the words "Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services" appear, they shall mean the "Department of Defense and Veterans Services."

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 14

AN ACT Designating Head of Tide on the Union River under the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission.

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

12 MRSA § 3605 is enacted to read:

§ 3605. Head of tide Union River

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for the purposes of this chapter, head of tide on the Union River, Hancock County, shall be designated as that point on the downstream side where the highway bridge on U. S. Route 1 crosses the river in the City of Ellsworth.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 15

AN ACT Extending the Time During which School Budgets may be Adopted.

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

Whereas, the Legislature is currently considering amendments to the school funding laws that may substantially affect the portion of educational costs borne by property taxes during the current or ensuing fiscal year; and

Whereas, municipalities and school districts are required by law to adopt their annual budgets prior to specified times that may occur before the Legislature has acted upon such amendments; and

Whereas, it is vital that assessments committed for collection during the current or ensuing fiscal year accurately reflect the requirements of the most recent actions of the Legislature in order to avoid hardship or inconvenience to the taxpayers of the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emer-