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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAPTER 261**AN ACT to Assist Small Communities in the Development of Recreational Services.**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 602, sub-§ 14, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 460, § 19, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs to read:

Additionally, the bureau may make grants to municipalities under 5,000 population for municipal recreation program development to include employment of personnel, public access transportation, selected equipment and supplies.

Municipalities may receive assistance for a maximum 3-year period on a sliding formula basis. Beginning with the first year, the formula shall be 70% state, 30% local; 2nd year, 50% state, 50% local and 3rd year, 25% state, 75% local.

Grants may be applied for yearly. Each individual total state grant shall not exceed \$1,000 in each year.

Sec. 2. Allocation. Twenty-five percent of the appropriation for fiscal years 1975 to 1977 to the Municipal Recreation Fund shall be set aside within that fund to be expended for the purposes of this Act.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 262**AN ACT to Increase the Penalties for Night Hunting.**

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

Whereas, the maintenance of a stable deer population is a matter of importance to the citizens of this State and to the State's recreational industry; and

Whereas, poaching of deer during the spring can lead to the death of pregnant does, which deaths in sufficient numbers can result in a significant decrease in the deer population; and

Whereas, the penalties provided in this bill will decrease the poaching of deer, and can thus prevent the death of many pregnant does and the decline of the deer population by poaching this spring, if these penalties become effective as soon as possible; 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:

12 MRSA § 2455, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 44, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: