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PUBLIC LAWS
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It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, give away or display within this State any live animals, reptiles or live birds of any kind which have been dyed or otherwise artificially colored or to sell in lots of less than 6, offer for sale, give away or raffle or display any live fowl or turtle under 2 months of age for use as toys or retail premiums or, to sell, offer for sale, give away or raffle any live animal, fowl or reptile as a fund-raising device or to use any live animal, fowl or reptile as a prize or award in any raffle, contest, game, promotion or giveaway.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA § 1058, last ¶, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 638, § 2, is amended to read:

Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any animal to be used or raised for agricultural purposes, or to any dog to be used or raised for hunting or exhibition purposes, by persons with proper facilities otherwise authorized by law.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 122

H. P. 313 — L. D. 381

AN ACT to Encourage the Establishment of Municipal Energy Commissions.

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

30 MRSA, c. 229, sub-c.II-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER II-A

ENERGY COMMISSIONERS

§ 3861. Energy commissions

Municipalities may establish energy commissions.

The municipal officers may appoint not less than 3, nor more than 7, energy commissioners. The terms of office initially shall be one, 2 and 3 years, such that the terms of approximately 1/3 of the members shall expire each year, or until the appointment of their successors and their successors shall be appointed for terms of 3 years each. Any commissioner presently serving a term greater than 3 years may serve until his term expires. The appointment of a successor shall be for a term of 3 years.

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 3851 to 3854, municipal officials may combine the duties of a municipal energy commission with those of an existing

conservation commission to create an entity with responsibilities for a wide range of energy and conservation issues.

§ 3862. Purpose; activities

The purposes of the municipal energy commission may include the following:

1. **Study and recommend policies.** To study and recommend energy policies to the municipal officers, body or board and to the planning board, if any;
2. **Encourage energy conservation.** To reduce energy consumption in the municipality by encouraging energy conservation and better energy management;
3. **Promote self-sufficiency.** To promote efforts to increase community energy self-sufficiency through the development of safe, efficient and renewable energy resources;
4. **Provide leadership and direction.** To provide leadership and direction for local energy conservation education;
5. **Assist in securing funding.** To work with other public and private organizations to secure funding and other resources for local energy projects and employment;
6. **Coordinate with other organizations.** To coordinate their efforts with those of other local, regional and state organizations.

The commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to the municipality to be published as part of the annual municipal report. The commission shall also notify the Office of Energy Resources of its formation.

The commission may promote and conduct research, in furtherance of its purposes, in conjunction with the planning board, if any, and in the following areas: Public transportation; van pools and carpools; recycling; solar power; cogeneration; hydro-electric power; energy audits; energy conservation and other activities that will make the municipality more energy self-sufficient through the utilization of renewable energy resources.

Municipal energy commissions may seek technical assistance from the Office of Energy Resources and that office shall notify local energy commissions in writing, of plans and projects that may affect those commissions, if the commission so requests; and

7. **Other purposes.** To serve other purposes related to energy as specified by the municipality.