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When multiple fines are imposed on a person at the same time or when a fine is imposed on a person already subject to an unpaid or partly unpaid fine, the fines shall be cumulative, unless the court specifies that only the highest single fine shall be paid in the case of offenses based on the same conduct, or arising out of the same criminal episode or for other good cause stated on the record or in the sentences.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 325

S. P. 253 — L. D. 722

AN ACT to Further Exempt Certain Benevolent Organizations from the Employment Security Law.

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

26 MRSA § 1043, sub-§ 11, ¶ F, sub-¶ (11), as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 538, § 10, is amended to read:

(11) Service performed in any calendar quarter in the employ of any organization exempt from income tax under section 501 (a) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, other than an organization described in section 401 (a) or under section 521, of such Code, if the remuneration for such service is less than ~~50~~ \$150;

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 326

H. P. 717 — L. D. 849

AN ACT Pertaining to Willful Killing and Injuring of Police Dogs and to Licensing Fees for Police Dogs.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 3404 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Whoever knowingly or intentionally kills, torments, beats, kicks, strikes, mutilates, injures, disables or otherwise mistreats, dogs owned by any law

enforcement agency within the State, counties or municipalities of this State, or any of their political subdivisions, or any such dogs engaged by any of those law enforcement agencies, or whoever, knowingly or intentionally by any action whatsoever, interferes with the lawful performance of such dogs is guilty of a Class D crime.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 3451, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 731, § 19, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Any law enforcement agency within the State, counties or municipalities, of this State, owning such dogs for law enforcement purposes shall be required to license the dogs in the town they are domiciled, but shall be exempt from any license fee provided all other licensing requirements are fulfilled.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA § 3454, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 45, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Any law enforcement agency within the State, counties or municipalities, of this State, owning such dogs for law enforcement purposes shall be required to license the dogs in the town they are domiciled, but shall be exempt from any license fee, provided all other licensing requirements are fulfilled.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 327

H. P. 848 — L. D. 1035

AN ACT to Clarify the Procedure for Waiver of Unemployment Compensation Benefit Overpayment.

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

26 MRSA § 1051, sub-§ 5, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 460, § 2, is further amended to read:

5. **Refusal to repay erroneous payments; waiver of repayment.** If, after due notice, any person refuses to repay amounts erroneously paid to him as unemployment benefits, the amounts due from such that person shall be collectible in the manner provided in subsection 6 or in the discretion of the commission the amount erroneously paid to such person may be deducted from any future benefits payable to him under this chapter. Provided that there shall be no recovery of payments from any person who, in the judgment of at least 2 commissioners, is without fault on his part and where, in the judgment of the commission, such recovery would defeat the purpose of benefits otherwise