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A person is guilty of a closed season violation if he fishes for any fish during the closed season or possesses any fish taken during the closed season on that fish.

Sec. 36. 12 MRSA § 7653, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. Fees. The commissioner may establish reasonable fees for admission to the Fish and Wildlife Visitors' Center at Gray, Maine.

Sec. 37. 12 MRSA § 7800, sub-§ 3, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 720, § 4, is amended to read:

The disbursement shall be 2/3 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and 1/3 to the Department of Marine Resources, and shall be used to defray the costs of enforcing this subchapter.

Sec. 38. 12 MRSA § 7862, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

1. Open season.

A. It is lawful to hold raccoon dog field trials at any time.

B. It is lawful to ~~train and~~ hold field trials for beagles and other rabbit hounds from September 1st through the following April 10th.

Sec. 39. 12 MRSA § 7863, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

4. Illegal use of a firearm during training or field trials. A person is guilty of illegal use of a firearm during training or field trials if, during the training or field trials permitted in section 7862, subsection 1, and section 7861, subsection 1, he uses or possesses any firearm other than a pistol loaded with blank ammunition, except during open season for hunting.

Sec. 40. PL 1981, c. 224, § 1 is amended by striking out the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

12 MRSA § 7451, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 222, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 415

S. P. 422 — L. D. 1243

AN ACT Concerning Utility Deposits.

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

35 MRSA § 314, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, § 198, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt reasonable regulations, after hearing, to provide for a just and reasonable interest rate to be paid by the utility on any deposit of any customer.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 416

S. P. 191 — L. D. 492

AN ACT Relating to Compensatory Telecommunication Toll Call Rates for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Persons.

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

Whereas, deaf and severely hearing impaired persons cannot use the telephone system in the same way hearing people can, but must use cumbersome teletypewriters to transmit typed or visual messages across telephone lines; and

Whereas, it now costs deaf persons 5 to 7 times as much to communicate a simple message as it costs a hearing person, and this extraordinary cost effectively serves to isolate deaf persons from society's mainstream; 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:

35 MRSA § 2361, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 625, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Toll call rates. The commission shall establish, within 30 days after the effective date of this Act, a 70% rate reduction for intrastate toll calls from deaf and hearing impaired persons who must rely on teletypewriters for residential telephone communications. To qualify for the reduction, a customer must file an affidavit, on a form approved by the Public Utilities Commission, with the telephone company, stating that, due to deafness or hearing impairment, he or a member of the household must rely on a teletypewriter for telephone communications, and that such equipment is connected to his telephone.