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was engaged at the time of the violation. The suspension shall be for one year from the date of the conviction.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6524, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6954 is enacted to read:

§6954. Dragging in cable area

1. Violation. It is unlawful to use any drag or trawl along the seabed in any waters that are identified or marked as underwater cable or pipeline areas on the most recently published United States Government nautical chart.

2. Penalty. Any person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, payable to the State, to be recovered in a civil action.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 180

S.P. 298 - L.D. 912

AN ACT to Improve the Administration of
Agricultural Fairs.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §62, sub-§2, ¶¶B and C, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 124, §1, are amended to read:

B. Is duly licensed pursuant to section 65; and

C. Continues to pay ~~\$750~~ \$1,200 on premiums yearly for an ~~agriculture~~ agricultural display of the products of agriculture exclusive of those for horse and ox pulling contests; and

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §62, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Continues to satisfactorily conduct an agricultural fair in accordance with agricultural fair performance standards established by the commissioner in a manner consistent with the

Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,
chapter 375.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §65, first ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §43, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

No person, agricultural society, association or corporation may hold, conduct or operate agricultural fairs or agricultural exhibitions for competition for premiums or purses within the State without a license for those purposes and only on dates assigned by the commissioner. The application for the license shall be signed and sworn to by the person or executive officer of a society, association or corporation and shall contain such information as the commissioner may require. All fair licenses shall be for a period of 3 calendar years following the date of the application. Applications for licenses under this section shall be received by the commissioner not later than November 15th prior to the period during which the fair is to be held and shall be accompanied by a \$10 license fee. Assignment of fair dates by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall be announced by December 15th for the 3-year period. If the commissioner is satisfied that the requirements of this chapter and the rules prescribed by the commissioner have been and will be complied with by the applicant, he may issue a license for that purpose and, in a manner consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, set the dates for which the license is effective.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §65-A is enacted to read:

§65-A. Requests for changes in dates

An agricultural society licensed to conduct an agricultural fair may, within 6 months of the date of its license, petition the commissioner for a change in the dates assigned. Upon receipt of the petition, the commissioner shall reconsider the dates assigned, following the same procedure by which the dates were originally assigned, and shall render a decision within 15 calendar days.

An agricultural society licensed to conduct an agricultural fair, shall, no later than 60 days prior to the dates assigned for a fair in any year, advise the commissioner of the cancellation or any proposed decrease in the number of days of the fair.