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fense and for not less than 10 days for each succeeding offense, this imprisonment not to be suspended, and shall be fined not less than \$500, this fine not to be suspended.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7901, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Dogs attacking deer. A violation of section 7505, subsection 3, paragraph B, is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged, this forfeiture not to be suspended.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7901, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 329, §4; c. 440, §16; and c. 572, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Habitual violators. Whenever a violation of any prohibited act in chapters 701 to 721 is committed by a habitual violator, as defined in section 7001, subsection 13-A, the penalty for that violation shall be a fine of not less than \$500 and a term of imprisonment of not less than 3 days, this fine and imprisonment not to be suspended.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7901, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Excise tax decal. A violation of section 7801, subsection 28, is not a crime.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 178

S.P. 540 - L.D. 1447

AN ACT Relating to Instruction in American Sign Language in Public Schools and Institutions of Higher Education.

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

20-A MRSA §4726, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§5 and 7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4726. Foreign languages

Each school administrative unit:

1. Required to offer. Shall offer one 2-year sequence in a foreign language;

2. Encouraged to offer. Is encouraged to offer one or more additional foreign languages as part of its secondary school program; and

3. American sign language. May offer American sign language to fulfill the foreign language requirement under subsection 2.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 179

S.P. 543 - L.D. 1452

AN ACT Providing for Change of Venue of Criminal Cases.

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

15 MRSA §1, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 337, §3, is amended to read:

The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide that, with the consent of the defendant, ~~criminal prosecutions~~ post-arraignment proceedings in criminal cases may be conducted at locations other than those provided by ~~law~~ statute. The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide that, without the consent of the defendant, post-arraignment proceedings in criminal cases may be conducted at locations other than those provided by statute, provided that the location is in an adjoining county and that it is in the vicinity of where the offense was committed.

Effective September 19, 1985.
