

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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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:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §279-A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 579, §13, is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding section 280, the commission may adopt a controlled medication program that permits controlled medication to be administered to racehorses.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §280, as amended by PL 1979, c. 731, §19, is further amended to read:

§280. Use of drugs or appliance; veterinarian

Any Except as provided in section 279-A, a person who attempts to or does interfere with, tamper, injure, destroy, stimulate or depress by the use of narcotics, drugs, stimulants or appliances of any kind any horse used for the purpose of racing, whether such that horse be is the property of such that person or another, or who causes or instigates, counsels or in any way aids or abets such that interference, tampering, injury or destruction or any person who shall influence influences or have has any understanding, arrangement or connivance with any person associated with or interested in any stable, horse, track or race in which any horse participates to prearrange the results of any such a race shall must be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or by both. The owner of any horse which that is found to have been stimulated or doped shall must be denied any part of the purse offered for such a race, and the purse shall must be distributed as in case of a disqualification and all horses of such that owner shall must be barred from racing in this State for the balance of the racing season.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is authorized to employ a State Veterinarian. The duties of the veterinarian shall include the medical and physical examination and testing of horses to assure ensure compliance with the statutes, and advising the commission of any violation thereof.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective March 20, 1992.

CHAPTER 678

H.P. 1452 - L.D. 2064

An Act to Provide an Exemption to the Sunday Fishing Ban When a Storm Advisory or Storm Warning Is in Effect

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

12 MRSA §6440, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

2. Weekends. During the period from 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Saturday, to 1/2 hour before sunrise the following Monday morning from June 1st to August 31st, both days inclusive, except that it is lawful to raise, haul or transfer traps during this period if a hurricane warning issued by the National Weather Service is in effect for any coastal waters of the State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 679

H.P. 1471 - L.D. 2083

An Act Concerning the Stocking of Atlantic Salmon in Maine Rivers

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

Whereas, the stocking program authorized in this legislation requires rulemaking before the program may be implemented; and

Whereas, preparation for the next fishing season must begin well in advance of the 90-day period; 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:

12 MRSA §7675 is enacted to read:

§7675. Aquaculture stock

1. Acceptance of stock. The Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission may accept salmon stock that are offered at no charge from commercial aquaculture hatcheries for release into state rivers subject to rules developed by the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission.

2. Rules. The Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission shall adopt rules to implement this section. They must, at a minimum: