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enforcement officer who is not employed by a state agency to use deadly force.

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CHAPTER 216

H.P. 846 - L.D. 1177

An Act to Enable the Department of Corrections to Share Information with Canadian Criminal Justice Agencies

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

Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §611, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1993, c. 719, §5 and affected by §12, is further amended to read:

4. Criminal justice agency. "Criminal justice agency" means a federal, state, district, county or local government agency or any subunit thereof that performs the administration of criminal justice under a statute or executive order, and that allocates a substantial part of its annual budget to the administration of criminal justice. Courts and the Department of the Attorney General are considered criminal justice agencies. "Criminal justice agency" also includes any equivalent agency at any level of Canadian government.

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CHAPTER 217

S.P. 468 - L.D. 1264

An Act Regarding the Schedule of the Distribution of Funds from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund

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

Whereas, current law provides that funds from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund are distributed annually; and

Whereas, programs funded from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund have a need for more frequent distribution of funds in order to be adequately sustained; and

Whereas, funds from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund were distributed in August 1994 and

another distribution is required by the end of the current fiscal year's 3rd quarter; 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:

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7759, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 567, §1 and c. 683, Pt. B, §2 and affected by §5 and amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §28 and affected by Pt. C, §15, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
- 3. Distribution from fund. Money distributed from the fund may be used for marketing the plates and for the production and marketing of goods using the environmental plate design. After the Treasurer of State has reimbursed the Secretary of State for costs of producing and issuing environmental registration plates in accordance with Title 29-A, section 455, the Treasurer of State shall, at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year, distribute the balance in the fund as follows:
 - A. Sixty percent of the balance must be deposited in the Maine State Parks Fund established in section 610; and
 - B. Forty percent of the balance must be deposited in the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund established in section 7757.

This subsection is repealed March 31, 1996.

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

Effective June 9, 1995.

CHAPTER 218

H.P. 929 - L.D. 1310

An Act Concerning Inspection at Sea

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6351, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read: