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2. Outside service providers. The department shall develop, maintain and periodically update a list of outside service providers who may provide services pursuant to section 318 by widely circulating an application to qualifying entities. The application must request information including qualifications of the entity in any area that may be of use in developing a farm viability business plan. "Qualifying entities" means individuals, private organizations, public organizations and agencies of the State, marketing consultants, accounting firms, business support organizations, farm support organizations and other organizations that the department determines may provide valuable services pursuant to section 318. A selected farm may use an outside service provider identified on the list of service providers or another outside service provider that has been approved by the department.

3. Administration by other than department. The department shall contract the administration of this program to a suitable organization selected through a competitive process developed by the department. The organization selected must provide a match of a minimum of \$200,000 nonstate funds. The contracting organization is responsible for performing all duties set forth in subsection 1, except that it is solely the department's responsibility to perform the duty set forth in subsection 1, paragraph F.

4. Funding. The contracting organization may not expend more than 15% of the total state funding per year or \$125,000 over the life of the program for this program on administration costs and shall reserve at least 40% of the total state funding for this program for investment support pursuant to section 319. Funds appropriated to the program may not lapse but must be carried forward.

5. Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this chapter. All rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND
RURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Farms for the Future
Program**

All Other \$200,000

Provides one-time funds to reimburse farms for outside services to develop business plans and for investment support to implement the plans through the Maine Farms for the Future Program. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 764

H.P. 471 - L.D. 678

**An Act to Require Completion of an
Ambulance Operator Course**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Ambulance operator course. By January 1, 2003, a person whose job description includes operating an ambulance in an emergency mode or transporting a patient must possess certification of successful completion of a basic ambulance vehicle operator course, or a course that has been approved by the board as an equivalent, in order to operate an ambulance in an emergency mode or to transport a patient. This requirement applies to all paid and volunteer ambulance operators and transporters. This requirement is in addition to vehicle operator requirements of Title 29-A or other law. A person whose job description includes operating an ambulance in an emergency mode or transporting a patient who successfully completes a basic ambulance vehicle operator course or a course that has been approved by the board as an equivalent may apply to the board for reimbursement for the cost of the course.

Sec. 2. Pilot project. The Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall conduct a pilot project to provide training for ambulance operators required under this Act and explore alternative funding sources for that training. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall hire a consultant through a competitive bidding process to set up, conduct and report on the results of the pilot project. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall report on the results of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters by January 1, 2001.

The report must contain a plan for implementation of this Act and any necessary implementing legislation. Following review of the report, the committee may introduce a bill regarding ambulance operator training to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**PUBLIC SAFETY,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Emergency Medical
Services**

All Other \$50,000

Appropriates one-time funds for a consultant to conduct, evaluate and report on the pilot project on ambulance operator training and for training of ambulance operators during the pilot project.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 765

S.P. 457 - L.D. 1332

**An Act to Regulate Commercial
Large Game Shooting Areas**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1331, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 685, §1, is amended to read:

2. License. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources may issue a license for the propagation, possession, purchase or sale of domesticated deer and for the sale of meat from domesticated deer. Any holder of such a license may raise domesticated deer at any season of the year for purposes of propagation. Appropriate certification ~~shall~~ **must** accompany any meat from domestic deer offered for sale. The fee for the license ~~shall be~~ **is** \$20 a year. Except as provided in section 1346, license fees must be deposited in the Animal Industry Fund established in section 1332.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1332 is enacted to read:

§1332. Animal Industry Fund

The Treasurer of State shall establish a separate account known as the Animal Industry Fund. This fund does not lapse but must be carried forward. Except as provided in section 1346, license fees collected under section 1331, subsection 2 and license and tagging fees collected under section 1342, subsections 3 and 4 must be deposited in the account. Funds from this account may be used to pay for administrative costs associated with licenses issued under sections 1331 and 1342, tags issued under section 1342 and other costs associated with administration and enforcement of this chapter and chapter 202-A.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA c. 202-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 202-A

**COMMERCIAL LARGE GAME SHOOTING
AREAS**

§1341. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Commercial large game shooting area. "Commercial large game shooting area" means an enclosed area in which large game are kept and a fee is charged to pursue and kill or pursue and attempt to kill large game.

2. Domesticated bison. "Domesticated bison" means the genus and species Bison bison.

3. Domesticated boar. "Domesticated boar" means a member of a species of Sus scrofa commonly known as the Eurasian boar or Wild Russian boar. "Domesticated boar" does not include members or varieties of the family Suidae or the species Sus scrofa that are commonly raised for commercial meat production.

4. Domesticated deer. "Domesticated deer" means fallow deer, family Cervidae, sub-family Cervinae, genus Dama; red deer, family Cervidae, sub-family Cervinae, genus Cervus, species Elaphus; and any other species specified under section 1331, subsection 1-A.

5. Large game. "Large game" means domesticated deer, domesticated boar and domesticated bison.

6. Parcel. "Parcel" means a contiguous tract of land. Land that is separated by a road that contains frontage along a common portion of that road is considered a contiguous tract.

7. Person. "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity.