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A. Within 12 hours, report all the facts relative to the act to ~~a game warden~~ the Maine Warden Service, stating the time and place of the wounding, taking or killing; and

B. Immediately In all cases of deer, bear or moose, immediately and properly dress the carcass or carcasses and care for the meat.

4. Warden's certificate. ~~The A~~ A game warden shall ~~immediately~~ investigate the case an incident under this section as soon as possible and, if ~~he the~~ the game warden is satisfied that the ~~deer or other~~ wild animal was taken as provided in this section, ~~he shall~~ give the person who killed the deer or other wild animal a certificate of his finding in the matter. The certificate that entitles the person cultivator, owner, mortgagee or keeper of the orchard or growing crop to the ownership of own the carcass or carcasses, to be possessed and consumed only within the immediate family of the ~~owner of the crops or the person who killed the deer or other wild animal~~ cultivator, owner, mortgagee or keeper of the orchard or growing crop, or, in accordance with the labeling requirements for possession of deer, bear or moose, to transfer possession of those wild animals to another person. Any excess carcasses after the first 2 carcasses of deer, bear or moose killed or taken under subsection 1 or 2 must be distributed to recipients authorized through the Hunters for the Hungry Program established in section 7481 or as otherwise authorized by the game warden.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7504, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 440, §11, is amended to read:

B. The commissioner may issue a permit to any licensed beekeeper, or to a person entrusted with the custody of the beehives of a licensed beekeeper, authorizing that person to protect beehives from damage by bear.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7505, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Failure to report the wounding, taking or killing of a nuisance wild animal or properly care for carcass. A person is guilty of:

A. Failure to report the wounding, taking or killing of a wild animal if that person wounds, takes or kills a wild animal under section 7501 or 7502 and fails to report all the facts relative to the incident to the Maine Warden Service within 12 hours; and

B. Failure to care for the carcass and meat of a wild animal if that person kills a deer, bear or moose pursuant to section 7501 or 7502 and fails

to immediately and properly dress the carcass and care for the meat to prevent spoilage.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 200

H.P. 824 - L.D. 1078

An Act to Restrict the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtles in Order to Ensure Sustainability of the Resource

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7470, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 608, is amended to read:

2. Rules. The commissioner shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt rules pertaining to harvest methods, confinement and disposal of snapping turtles. The commissioner may by rule:

A. Require reporting of commercial harvest activities;

B. Establish a season including daily and season possession limits;

C. Establish size limits; and

D. Establish a fee schedule to implement a permit system under this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 201

S.P. 263 - L.D. 910

An Act Concerning Private Line Extensions

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §314 is enacted to read:

§314. Private line extensions

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Line" means an electric distribution line, including poles and other related structures.