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Allocates additional funds for the Lobster Promotion Council.

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CHAPTER 227

H.P. 581 - L.D. 736

An Act to Require State Approval Prior to Introducing Wolves into Maine

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§45 is enacted to read:

45. Wolf. "Wolf" means the Gray Wolf (Canis lupus).

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7760 is enacted to read:

<u>\$7760.</u> <u>Introduction of wolves to State; approval required</u>

A person may not release a wolf in the State for the purpose of reintroducing that species into the State without the prior approval of both Houses of the Legislature and the commissioner.

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CHAPTER 228

H.P. 805 - L.D. 1060

An Act to Relieve Counties from the Expense and Responsibility of Transporting Certain Prisoners Between Correctional Facilities and Courts

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1205, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 1991, c. 314, §15, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3073 is enacted to read:

§3073. Transportation to and from courts

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, transportation of a prisoner between a correctional facility and a court in connection with the prosecution of the prisoner for a crime committed within a correctional facility is the responsibility of the

department, unless the department and the sheriff agree that the sheriff will undertake the responsibility of the transportation at an agreed-upon rate of reimbursement to the county by the department.

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CHAPTER 229

S.P. 509 - L.D. 1596

An Act to Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §152, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. ZZZ, §4 and affected by §42, is further amended to read:

9. Licensing jurisdiction. Except as provided in Title 5, section 10004; Title 8, section 279-B; Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5; Title 20-A, sections 10712 and 10713; Title 29-A; Title 32, chapters 2-B, 105 and 114; and Title 35-A, section 3132, exclusive jurisdiction upon complaint of an agency or, if the licensing agency fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, upon complaint of the Attorney General to revoke or suspend licenses issued by the agency. The District Court has original jurisdiction upon complaint of a licensing agency to determine whether renewal or reissuance of a license of that agency may be refused. The District Court has original concurrent jurisdiction to grant equitable relief in proceedings initiated by an agency or the Department of the Attorney General alleging any violation of a license or licensing laws or rules.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a licensing agency may not reinstate or otherwise affect a license suspended, revoked or modified by the District Court pursuant to a complaint filed by the Attorney General without the approval of the Attorney General;

- Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §10051, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §19 and affected by §80, is further amended to read:
- 1. Jurisdiction. Except as provided in section 10004; Title 8, section 279-B; Title 10, section 8003; Title 20-A, sections 10712 and 10713; Title 29-A; Title 32, chapters 2-B, 105 and 114; and Title 35-A, section 3132, the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction upon complaint of any agency or, if the licensing agency fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, upon complaint of the Attorney General to revoke or suspend licenses issued by the