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B. The person, at the time of the crime, intended to cause multiple deaths;

C. The person was previously convicted of criminal homicide or any other crime involving the use of deadly force against a person;

D. The attempted murder was accompanied by torture, sexual assault or other extreme cruelty inflicted upon the victim;

E. The attempted murder was committed in a penal institution by an inmate of that institution against another inmate or against prison personnel;

F. The attempted murder was committed against a law enforcement officer while the officer was acting in performance of that officer's duties; or

G. The attempted murder was committed against a hostage.

2. Aggravated attempted murder is a Class A crime except that, notwithstanding section 1252, subsection 2, the sentence for aggravated attempted murder is imprisonment for life or a definite period of imprisonment for any term of years. The existence of an aggravating circumstance serves only as a precondition for the court to consider a life sentence.

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**CHAPTER 414**

**S.P. 386 - L.D. 1283**

**An Act to Amend the Criminal Laws with Regard to Animal Welfare**

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

**Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1031, sub-§1, ¶G,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 765, §11, is further amended to read:

G. Hunts or sells for the purpose of hunting any animal, except as permitted pursuant to Title 7, chapter 202-A and Title 12, Part 10; ~~or~~

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1031, sub-§1, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 254, §21, is amended to read:

H. Injects, inserts or causes ingestion of any substance used solely to enhance the performance of an animal by altering the animal's metabolism to that animal's detriment, including but not limited to excessive levels of sodium bicarbonate in equines used for competition; or

**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1031, sub-§1, ¶I** is enacted to read:

I. Commits bestiality on an animal. For purposes of this paragraph, "commits bestiality" means that a person:

(1) Engages in a sexual act with an animal for the purpose of that person's sexual gratification;

(2) Coerces anyone to engage in a sexual act with an animal;

(3) Engages in a sexual act with an animal in the presence of a minor;

(4) Uses any part of the person's body or an object to sexually stimulate an animal;

(5) Videotapes a person engaging in a sexual act with an animal; or

(6) For the purpose of that person's sexual gratification, kills or physically abuses an animal.

For purposes of this paragraph, "sexual act" means any act between a person and an animal involving direct physical contact between the genitals of one and the mouth or anus of the other, or direct physical contact between the genitals of one and the genitals of the other. A sexual act may be proved without allegation or proof of penetration.

This paragraph may not be construed to prohibit normal and accepted practices of animal husbandry.

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**CHAPTER 415**

**H.P. 483 - L.D. 623**

**An Act to Require Election Law Training to Voter Registrars and Clerks**

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.