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been paid. This section applies to any property tax year ~~beginning~~ appeal filed on or after April 1, 1993. This section does not apply to property with a valuation of less than \$500,000.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to appeals pending or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

Effective April 18, 2003.

CHAPTER 73

H.P. 192 - L.D. 237

An Act To Improve the Coyote Control Program

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 636, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§3, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. An agent may use snares to control coyotes during winter months under the following conditions.

(1) Agents may use snares only for animal damage control purposes to help meet management goals established by the commissioner for deer, threatened or endangered species or other wildlife species or to benefit agricultural interests as described in paragraph C.

(2) Agents must be trained and certified by the department in the use of snares.

(3) Agents must be deployed by a department wildlife biologist before setting snares.

(4) Agents shall post access points to areas in which snaring activity is taking place, including, but not limited to, roads and trails for motorized vehicles, cross-country skiers or hikers or other obvious travel ways that may be used by people.

(5) An agent shall plainly label snares with the full name and address of that agent.

(6) An agent shall keep an accurate record of the number and location of snares set by that agent and must be able to account for those snares at all times.

(7) An agent shall check that agent's snares that are equipped with relaxing locks on a daily basis.

(8) Department employees may accompany agents at any time an agent is checking snares.

(9) Agents shall report monthly to the department on forms provided by the department the coyotes and nontarget species taken by snaring during the reporting period.

(10) The commissioner shall revoke the snaring certificate of an agent who violates any provision of this paragraph.

The commissioner shall adopt policies and procedures on the use of snares as necessary to minimize the potential for taking nontarget species and to adequately protect threatened and endangered species.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 74

S.P. 127 - L.D. 351

An Act To Promote Clarity Regarding Death Certificates

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

Whereas, current law requires that a death certificate be completed in typewritten or handwritten block style; and

Whereas, death certificates have been rejected for filing because they were completed by hand without meeting the strict requirements of "block style"; and

Whereas, death certificates should be accepted for filing if they are completed in a hand-printed style that is legible; 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,