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ble, protected wood frame or heavy timber construction. Such existing facilities must be protected by a complete approved automatic sprinkler system and meet all other requirements of residential-custodial care facilities as required by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Existing boarding care facilities licensed pursuant to Title 22, ~~sub~~ Subtitle 6, must comply with the applicable fire safety requirements of the Life Safety Code adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to Title 22, section 7856.

Existing children's homes licensed pursuant to Title 22, Subtitle 6, must comply with the applicable fire safety requirements of the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to Title 22, section 8103.

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CHAPTER 536

H.P. 1264 - L.D. 1742

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Humane Agents and Kennel Licenses

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§9-A, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 405, §2, is amended to read:

F. Training for humane agents.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§17, as amended by PL 1995, c. 409, §1, is further amended to read:

17. Kennel. "Kennel" means ~~one pack or collection of 5 or more~~ dogs or wolf hybrids kept in a single location under one ownership for breeding, hunting, show, training, field trials and exhibition purposes. The sale or exchange of one litter of puppies within a 12-month period alone does not constitute the operation of a kennel.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3909, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 405, §6, is amended to read:

3-A. Humane agents; training requirements. Continuing employment of a humane agent hired after October 1, 2003 is contingent upon the successful completion by that agent of a 100-hour service training program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or a nationally recognized training program on investigation and enforcement of animal welfare

laws and the successful completion of an examination on state animal welfare laws and rules adopted pursuant to this Part.

A humane agent, regardless of appointment date, shall complete training in the handling of small and large animals and a minimum of 40 hours of training each year, including a combination of classroom and hands-on training.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3923-C, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 690, §17, is further amended to read:

1. License necessary. A person having ~~a pack or collection of 5 or more~~ dogs for the purposes set forth in section 3907, subsection 17 shall obtain a kennel license from the clerk of the municipality where the dogs are kept and that person is subject to rules adopted by the department. The sex, registered number and description are not required ~~of~~ for the dogs covered by a kennel license. The license expires December 31st annually. The kennel license permits the licensee or authorized agent to transport under control and supervision the kennel dogs in or outside the State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 537

H.P. 1288 - L.D. 1766

An Act To Simplify the Finance Authority of Maine Act

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §962, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 344, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Loans. Encourage the making of ~~mortgage~~ loans to finance the planning, development, acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion and placing in operation of industrial, manufacturing, recreational, fishing, agricultural and other business and natural resource enterprises;

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §962, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c. 559, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Small businesses and veteran-owned small businesses. Encourage the making of ~~mortgage~~ loans to small businesses and veteran-owned small businesses;

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §963-A, sub-§§6 and 8, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 344, §7, are amended to read: