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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

Effective May 20, 2005.

CHAPTER 146

H.P. 759 - L.D. 1106

An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1751, first ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, §29, is further amended to read:

As used in this chapter and chapters 201, 202, 202-A, 207, 301, 303 and 305, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words ~~shall~~ have the following meanings:

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA c. 307 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 307

STATE OF MAINE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

§1901. State of Maine Animal Response Team

The commissioner shall develop a State of Maine Animal Response Team, referred to in this section as "the team," to support a unifying network that protects human and animal health through preparation, response and recovery for animal emergencies in the State. The team shall facilitate a prompt, coordinated and effective response to a natural or man-made disaster affecting animals; decrease the health and safety threat to humans and animals during animal emergencies; and minimize the economic and environmental impacts of animal emergencies.

§1902. State of Maine Animal Response Team Fund

The Treasurer of State shall establish a separate account known as the State of Maine Animal Response Team Fund. This fund does not lapse but must be carried forward. The commissioner may accept money from any public or private source for deposit into the fund. The fund may be used to pay costs associated with the administration and activities undertaken by the State of Maine Animal Response Team in accordance with section 1901.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Animal Health and Industry 0394

Initiative: Provides initial allocations for the State of Maine Animal Response Team Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 147

H.P. 1098 - L.D. 1560

An Act To Transfer the Pest Control Compact from the Department of Conservation to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 410 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 410

PEST CONTROL COMPACT

§2311. Pest Control Compact

The Pest Control Compact is enacted into law and entered into with all other jurisdictions legally joining the compact in the form substantially as provided in this chapter.

§2312. Findings -- Article I

The party states find that in the absence of the higher degree of cooperation among them possible under this compact, the annual loss of approximately \$137,000,000,000 from the depredations of pests is virtually certain to continue, if not to increase.

Because of varying climatic, geographic and economic factors, each state may be affected differently by particular species of pests, but all states share the inability to protect themselves fully against those pests that present serious dangers to them.

The migratory character of pest infestations makes it necessary for states, both adjacent to and distant from one another, to complement each other's activities when faced with conditions of infestation and reinfestation.