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**CHAPTER 138  
H.P. 522 - L.D. 691**

**An Act To Reduce Lobster and Crab Fishing License Fees for Persons 70 Years of Age or Older**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. WW, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8. Exception.** The fee for a license for an applicant 70 years of age or older is:

A. For a Class I or an apprentice lobster and crab fishing license, \$57;

B. For a Class II lobster and crab fishing license, \$114; and

C. For a Class III lobster and crab fishing license, \$170.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 226, §1, is further amended to read:

B. Class II crab and lobster licenses, \$62.50, except that for license holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$32;

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6455, sub-§5, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 226, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Class III crab and lobster licenses, \$93.75, except that for license holders 70 years of age or older the surcharge is \$47;

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**CHAPTER 139  
H.P. 451 - L.D. 584**

**An Act Concerning Animal Control Officers as Reporters of Abuse**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Permitted reporters.** An animal control officer, as defined in Title 7, section 3907, subsection 4, may report to the department when that person has reasonable cause to suspect that an incapacitated or

dependent adult has been or is at substantial risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Permitted reporters.** An animal control officer, as defined in Title 7, section 3907, subsection 4, may report to the department when that person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 140  
H.P. 450 - L.D. 583**

**An Act To Permit Medical and Social Service Professionals To Report Animal Cruelty**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§2, ¶H**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 653, §6, is further amended to read:

H. A relative by blood, marriage or adoption of an incapacitated or dependent adult named in a record; and

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§2, ¶I**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 653, §6, is amended to read:

I. A member of a panel appointed by the department or the Office of the Attorney General to review the death or serious injury of an incapacitated or dependent adult or a child; and

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§2, ¶J** is enacted to read:

J. The local animal control officer or the animal welfare program of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources established pursuant to Title 7, section 3902 when there is a reasonable suspicion of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect. For purposes of this paragraph, "cruelty, abuse or neglect" has the same meaning as provided in Title 34-B, section 1901, subsection 1, paragraph B.

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**5. Permissive reporting of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect.** Notwithstanding any other provision of state law imposing a duty of confidentiality, a person listed in subsection 1 may report a reasonable suspicion of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect to the local animal control officer or to the animal welfare program of the Department of Agriculture, Food and