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(4) Report or prevent criminal misconduct or assist law enforcement agencies in their investigations; or

(5) Report child abuse or neglect under Title 22, section 4011-A.

C. The department may publish and release as public information statistical summaries of complaints and dispositions as long as the release of such information does not jeopardize the confidentiality of individually identifiable information.

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CHAPTER 332

H.P. 663 - L.D. 961

An Act To Amend the Maine Condominium Act Regarding Escrow of Assessments

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §1603-115-A is enacted to read:

§1603-115-A. Optional escrow of assessments

(a) The association may require that a person who purchases a unit after October 1, 2009 make payments into an escrow account established by the association until the balance in the escrow account for that unit is equal to 6 months of assessments as established under section 1603-115.

(b) All assessment payments made under this section and received after October 1, 2009 must be held in an account of a bank or other financial institution under terms that place these assessment payments beyond the claim of creditors of the association. Upon request by a unit owner, the association shall disclose the name of the institution and the account number where these assessment payments are being held. An association may use a single escrow account to hold assessment payments made under this section from all of the unit owners.

(c) The association shall pay interest on the assessment payments under this section in an amount equivalent to the rate required under Title 9-B, section 429.

(d) The association shall return the assessment payments made under this section, together with the interest earned under subsection (c), to the unit owner when the owner sells the unit and has fully paid all assessments under section 1603-115. The association may use the balance in the account to offset any assessments remaining unpaid.

(e) The assessment payments made under this section may be used by the association to cover up to 6 months of the costs attributable to a unit for which assessment payments have not been made.

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CHAPTER 333

S.P. 157 - L.D. 454

An Act To Expand Representation on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 405, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The council consists of ~~42~~ 14 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

- A. One member representing municipal interests;
- B. One animal control officer;
- C. One member representing licensed animal shelters;
- D. One member representing licensed boarding ~~or breeding~~ kennels;
- E. One member representing licensed pet shops;
- F.
- G. One member who is or has been a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State;
- H. One member who owns a pet and represents the interests of the public in animal welfare, generally;
- I. One attorney with experience in animal welfare law;
- J. One cooperative extension agent or specialist;
- K. One member with expertise in equine care;
- L. One member with expertise in livestock representing a statewide farming organization; ~~and~~
- M. One member representing a ~~State-based~~ state-based animal advocacy group;
- N. One member who holds a kennel license issued under section 3923-C; and
- O. One member representing licensed breeding kennels.

In making the appointment of the veterinarian member, the Governor shall consider nominations made by the Maine Veterinary Medical Association. In making