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Sec. 13. 7 MRSA §3972, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 1997, c. 690, §40, is further amended to read:

F. Intentionally cause an equine to fall or lose its balance by any means whatsoever. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "equine" means, but is not limited to, a horse, mare, pony, ass, donkey, burro, mule or hinny. This paragraph does not apply to the lawful laying down of an equine for medical or identification purposes; or

Sec. 14. 7 MRSA §3972, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Abandon, dump or dispose of any deceased domesticated animal on public property or on private property without the permission of the property owner.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 224

S.P. 409 - L.D. 1140

An Act To Promote Economic Development

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1026-J, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. VVV, §6, is further amended to read:

2. Loan terms and conditions. Loans may not exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 per project. The authority may establish prudent terms and conditions for loans, including limits on the amount of loans for any one project and requiring adequate collateral for the loans. Loan terms may not exceed 20 years in the case of loans primarily secured by real estate, 10 years in the case of loans secured primarily by machinery and equipment and 7 years for other loans. The interest rate charged on each loan may not exceed the prime rate for interest plus 4%, as determined by the authority. The authority may establish conditions, such as balloon payments, to encourage borrowers to make the transition to conventional financing as soon as they are reasonably able to do so. The authority may further assist the borrower by allowing for the deferral of interest or principal payments for a period of time. Loans may be subject to conditions that allow the authority to make a reasonable return based on the risk of the investment, which may include royalties or additional payments based on sales, net cash flow or other financial measures and rights to equity in the company.

Sec. 2. Contingent effective date. This Act takes effect only upon the receipt by the Economic

Recovery Program Fund of an appropriation, an allocation or funds from another funding source in the amount of at least \$13,000,000.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 225

S.P. 93 - L.D. 255

An Act To Preserve the Integrity of Maine's Shellfish Industry by Increasing the Penalty for Interfering with Permitted Harvest

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6674, as amended by PL 2009, c. 229, §18, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6674. Interference with municipal shellfish aquaculture permit

1. Prohibition. A person may not knowingly interfere with the ability of a person who holds a municipal shellfish aquaculture permit to carry out the privileges granted to the permittee under that permit. Except for the permittee or the permittee's designee, a person may not take, disturb or molest any shellfish in the intertidal zone in the area that is included in a municipal shellfish aquaculture permit.

2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

3. Restitution. In addition to the penalty under subsection 2, if a person violates this section by interfering with the ability of a person who holds a municipal shellfish aquaculture permit to carry out the privileges granted to that permittee under that permit, the court shall:

A. Order that person to pay to the holder of the municipal shellfish aquaculture permit an amount equal to twice the replacement value of any damaged equipment on the permit site; and

B. Direct that person to provide proof of payment of restitution under paragraph A to the commissioner.

See title page for effective date.
