

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 227 - L.D. 510

An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §411, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Associate health officer. "Associate health officer" means a municipal employee who has knowledge of the community and meets the educational, training and experience standards established by the local health officer.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §451, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Associate health officers. Municipal officers may appoint one or more associate health officers, as defined in section 411, subsection 1-A, to assist the local health officer perform the local health officer's duties during an actual or threatened epidemic or other public health threat. An associate health officer is not required to meet the qualifications set out in subsection 2 or in rules applicable to local health officers adopted by the department. An associate health officer must work under the direct supervision of the local health officer.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §454-A, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 598, §7, is amended to read:

G. Act as a resource for connecting residents with the public health services and resources provided by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §454-A, sub-§2, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 598, §7, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Laws pertaining to prohibited dumping under Title 30-A, section 3352-; ~~and~~

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §454-A, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Supervise associate health officers appointed under section 451, subsection 7.