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An Act To Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services To Disclose Information to the Personal Representative of the Estate of an **Incapacitated or Dependent Adult Who Dies While under Public Guardianship or Public Conservatorship**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§2, ¶I, as amended by PL 2007, c. 140, §2, is further 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. 2. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§2, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 140, §3 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

J. The local animal control officer or the animal welfare program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 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-; and

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

K. The personal representative of the estate of an incapacitated or dependent adult who dies while under public guardianship or public conservatorship.