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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 82, L.D. 195, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Abuse of Animals"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4016, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is amended to read:

§4016. Violation

Any person who violates this chapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$500 not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 for each offense may must be adjudged and for which such other relief as may be necessary to restore the animal to good health or to ameliorate the effects of cruelty and to ensure that the animal is well cared for may be ordered.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1031, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §4, is amended to read:

3. **Penalty.** Cruelty to animals is a Class D crime. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall impose a fine of not less than \$100 for each violation of this section.

FISCAL NOTE

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenues by a minor amount.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill increased the maximum civil penalty for cruelty to animals from \$500 to \$1,000. The amendment retains this change and requires courts to impose a minimum fine of \$100 for violation of the civil or criminal animal cruelty laws. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by Senator Paradis for the Committee on Agriculture. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.
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