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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 788, L.D. 1076, Bill, "An Act to Criminalize Mistreatment of and Cruelty to Animals and to Enhance Reporting Requirements"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Increase the Civil Penalty for Cruelty to Animals'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4016, as amended by PL 1993, c. 81, §1, is further amended to read:

§4016. Violation

Any person who violates this chapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than ~~\$100~~ \$250 or more than \$1,000 for each offense 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.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

Increasing the minimum fine for cruelty to animals may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill. It increases the minimum fine from \$100 to \$250 for civil violations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, chapter 739, Cruelty to Animals.