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House of Representatives, January 13, 2005

An Act To Support Animal Welfare

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative DAVIS of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JACKSON of Fort Kent, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor,
THOMPSON of China, Senators: COURTNEY of York, MITCHELL of Kennebec, TURNER of Cumberland.

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- Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 422, §2, is amended to read:
- 2. Fees. The commissioner shall deposit 1/2-ef the fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 in the General-Fund-and-1/2-ef the-fees-collected-in-the Animal Welfare Fund established under section 3906-B.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA $\S3906$ -B, sub- $\S2$, as amended by PL 2001, c. 422, $\S3$, is further amended to read:

2. Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit all license fees received pursuant to chapters 721, 723, 725 and 735 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit 1/2-ef the feed registration fees collected under section 714 in the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing blanks, stickers and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary personnel, payments to animal shelters and expenses incurred in the

administration of this Part.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the registration fees to distribute commercial feed be deposited entirely in the Animal Welfare Fund.