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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 913, L.D. 1286,
Bill, "An Act To Protect Maine Communities by Prohibiting Horse Slaughter for Human
Consumption and the Transport of Horses for Slaughter"

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

**'An Act To Protect Maine Communities by Prohibiting the Construction or
Operation of a Horse Slaughtering Facility for Profit'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3967 is enacted to read:

§3967. Equine slaughter for human consumption

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
following terms have the following meanings.

**A. "Horse" includes all members of the genus Equus, including horses, ponies,
donkeys, mules, asses and burros.**

**B. "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association or other
legal entity.**

2. Prohibition against construction or operation of horse slaughtering facilities.
**A person may not knowingly construct a facility if that facility will be used, or operate a
facility if that facility is used, to slaughter horses for human consumption for profit.**

3. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a
fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment is a committee of conference report. It amends the title and strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits the construction or operation of a horse slaughtering facility for profit. A violation of this prohibition is a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 06/19/13 *MRC*

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An Act To Protect Maine Communities by Prohibiting Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption and the Transport of Horses for Slaughter

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" (S-317)
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.