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House of Representatives, February 3, 2025

**An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Administration of the
Animal Welfare Advisory Council**

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 30, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and
Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, FROST of
Belgrade, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, HEPLER of Woolwich.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 399,
3 §3, is amended to read:

4 **6. Administration; meetings.** The council shall elect one of its members as chair.
5 The chair serves for a 2-year period and may not serve as chair for consecutive 2-year
6 periods.

7 The council shall hold regular public meetings at least every other month but may waive
8 by majority vote a succeeding meeting. The chair shall call special meetings of the council
9 whenever requested in writing by 2 or more members. The council shall send notice and
10 minutes of the meetings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
11 jurisdiction over animal welfare matters.

12 The chair may delegate, as necessary, duties to members of the council, either individually
13 or through the formation of subcommittees, to carry out the functions of the council.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill amends the laws governing the Animal Welfare Advisory Council to authorize
16 the council to meet more frequently than the required meeting every other month. The bill
17 also allows the chair of the council to delegate council duties to individual council members
18 or subcommittees.