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Resolve, to Improve Standards for Animal Rescue Entities

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, MCINTYRE of Lowell, MINGO of Calais, NUTTING of Oakland, WHITE of Guilford.

Sec. 1. Department to adopt rules regarding animal rescue entities. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules that set standards for animal rescue entities, including but not limited to dog rescue operations, that specify staff-to-animal ratios and that govern animals that are returned multiple times and resold or placed in multiple homes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules that set standards for animal rescue entities, including but not limited to dog rescue operations, that specify staff-to-animal ratios and that govern animals that are returned multiple times and resold or placed in multiple homes.