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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 347, L.D. 528, "An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies in Animals by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1808-A, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 308, §1, is amended to read:

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An animal vaccinated against rabies by a person who is not a licensed veterinarian ~~or under the direct~~ a certified rabies vaccinator appointed and certified pursuant to section 3920 or a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian may not be certified as vaccinated against rabies and must be treated as an unvaccinated animal under Title 22, chapter 251, subchapter 5 and rules adopted pursuant to that chapter. For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-A; "indirect supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-B; "licensed veterinarian" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 5; and "licensed veterinary technician" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 11.'

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Amend the bill in section 4 in §3916 in subsection 1 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 25 and 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian ~~or by a certified rabies vaccinator~~" and inserting the following: '~~or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian~~ a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator'

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Amend the bill in section 4 in §3916 in subsection 1-A in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, lines 35 and 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian ~~or by a certified rabies vaccinator~~" and inserting the following: '~~or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian~~ a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator'

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1 Amend the bill in section 4 in §3916 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 4 in
2 L.D.) by striking out the following: "a cat or dog or a certified rabies vaccinator who
3 vaccinates a cat or dog" and inserting the following: '~~a cat or dog~~ an animal, a licensed
4 veterinary technician who vaccinates an animal under the direct supervision or indirect
5 supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator who vaccinates an
6 animal'

7 Amend the bill in section 4 in §3916 in subsection 2-A in the first line (page 2, line 8
8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "veterinarian" the following: 'licensed veterinary
9 technician under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian'

10 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

11 'Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §3916-A is enacted to read:

12 **§3916-A. Definitions**

13 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
14 have the following meanings.

15 1. Direct supervision. "Direct supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32,
16 section 4853, subsection 4-A.

17 2. Indirect supervision. "Indirect supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32,
18 section 4853, subsection 4-B.

19 3. Licensed veterinarian. "Licensed veterinarian" has the same meaning as in Title
20 32, section 4853, subsection 5.

21 4. Licensed veterinary technician. "Licensed veterinary technician" has the same
22 meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 11.'

23 Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 1 in the 7th line (page 2, line 39 in L.D.) by
24 inserting after the following: "department" the following: 'a licensed veterinary technician
25 under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian'

26 Amend the bill in section 6 in §3920 in subsection 1 in the 8th line (page 3, line 8 in
27 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "section 3932-A." the following: 'A certified rabies
28 vaccinator must be under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a licensed
29 veterinarian to administer rabies vaccines to animals.'

30 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

31 'Sec. 8. 7 MRSA §3923-B, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 254, §5, is
32 amended to read:

33 **2-A. Rabies tags.** An owner or keeper shall ensure that a rabies tag obtained from a
34 veterinarian, a licensed veterinary technician under the direct supervision or indirect
35 supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator for immunization
36 against rabies is securely attached to a collar of leather, metal or material of comparable
37 strength and that the collar is worn at all times by the dog for which the rabies tag was
38 issued, except as provided in subsection 3. For purposes of this section, "direct
39 supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-A, "indirect
40 supervision" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 4-B; "licensed
41 veterinarian" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 5; and "licensed
42 veterinary technician" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 4853, subsection 11.'

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment explicitly adds to the bill licensed veterinary technicians under the
5 indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian to those persons authorized to administer
6 rabies vaccinations.

7 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

8 (See attached)



Approved: 04/01/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 528

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An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies in Animals by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.