

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Placing the Board of Veterinary Examiners within the Department  
of Agriculture.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 1, amended.** The first sentence of section 1 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 490 of the public laws of 1971, and as amended by section 1 of chapter 594 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The Department of Agriculture, as heretofore established and hereinafter in this Title called the "department", shall be maintained for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the interests of husbandry, and shall consist of the Commissioner of Agriculture, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve a term coterminous with the Governor subject to removal from the office for cause by the Governor and Council, and the following as heretofore created and established: The Maine Dairy Council Committee, the Maine Milk Commission, the Maine Potato Commission, the Seed Potato Board, Milk Tax Committee, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission ~~and~~, the Harness Racing Commission ~~and the Board of Veterinary Examiners.~~

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 2, amended.** The last paragraph of section 2 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 594 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

The commissioner does not have authority to exercise or interfere with the exercise of any discretionary statutory authority granted to the following, which authority shall be exclusively within the specific board, bureau, agency, commission, committee or other governmental unit: The Maine Dairy Council

Committee, the Maine Milk Commission, the Seed Potato Board, the Harness Racing Commission ~~and~~, Milk Tax Committee, ~~the Maine Potato Commission, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Board of Veterinary Examiners.~~

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 32, § 4752, amended. Section 4752 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 4752. Organization and officers; treasurer; expenses; annual report**

The board shall organize annually in the month of July by the election from its members of a president ~~and a secretary who shall be treasurer~~ and may adopt such rules, not in conflict with the laws of the State, as they may deem proper to carry into effect this chapter. ~~The secretary and the treasurer of the board need not be members thereof. They~~ The board shall adopt a seal which shall be affixed to all certificates issued by ~~them~~ it in accordance with section 4802. The treasurer shall receive all fees, charges and assessments payable to the board and account for and pay over the same according to law ~~and shall annually, on the first day of July, make written report to the Governor and Council for all receipts and expenditures of said board.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment is an additional step in governmental reorganization. It places the Maine Board of Veterinary Examiners under the Department of Agriculture. The board has worked closely with the department for many years and their interests are closely related.