

STATE OF MAINE SENATE 106TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H. P. 331, L. D. 449, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Permits for State Entry of Animals and Birds."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and before the Statement of Fact and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§ 1809. Permits for state entry

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Any person or persons bringing wild animals, avian species, amphibians or reptiles into the State may be required by the commissioner to obtain a permit previous to the time of entry, said permit to accompany shipment. If the health status of the wild animals, avian species, amphibians or reptiles offered for entry into the State does not have health status satisfactory to the commissioner, the commissioner may refuse to grant a permit or may issue one subject to quarantine at destination. The commissioner may require the owner to have such wild animals, avian species, amphibians or reptiles tested or examined by a veterinarian at the owner's expense. The commissioner shall release such wild animals, avian species, amphibians or reptiles from quarantine only after he is satisfied or the veterinarian has certified that such wild animals, avian species, amphibians or reptiles are not diseased and as a result are not a menace to other wild or domestic animals, avian species, amphibians, reptiles or humans of the State.

Wild animals, avian species, amphibians or reptiles brought into the State without a permit and subsequently certified by the commissioner or a veterinarian as diseased and as a result are a menace to other wild or domestic animals, avian species, amphibians,

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reptiles or humans of the State, may be condemned by the commissioner or the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and euthanized without indemnity.

Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine or imprisonment as provided in section 1706.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit home pets to be brought into the State without a permit from the department.

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