

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 742

House of Representatives, February 20, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Vivisection in Biology Classes at the Secondary Level.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 1055, amended. Section 1055 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

The superintendent of schools of any administrative unit may file an application for permission to conduct a biology project involving vivisection with the Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry Division. The application must set forth the purpose and scope of the project and must provide assurances that the project will be conducted under the supervision of a teacher fully certified to teach biology. The Animal Industry Division may grant a permit to a school system for conducting such a biology project. Before granting the permit, the department must inspect the facilities at the school and satisfy itself that conditions are proper. When a permit is granted for a specific project, it must be posted conspicuously in the principal's office and shall be valid for that specific project only. The facility in which the project is being conducted must be open for inspection by officials of the department and by humane society officers during regular school hours.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to provide an opportunity under controlled conditions for secondary school students to have learning experiences which will assist them in choosing possible life careers.