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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Animals to be Sold in Pet Shops in the State of Maine.**

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

R. S., T. 7, § 3454, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3454 to read as follows:

§ 3454. Quarantine for resale

All animals to be sold in pet shops as defined in section 3451, except reptiles subject to federal regulation, shall be kept in quarantine for a minimum period of 10 days.

1. Housing. Quarantine facilities shall meet minimum housing facilities as described in the rules and regulations of the department.

2. Resale. Animals in quarantine shall not be offered to or exhibited to the public for resale until termination of the quarantine period. Quarantine area must be separate and apart from the show or display area.

3. Identification. Each animal shall be identified at the beginning of the quarantine period as to time of reception, source of origin, breed, sex, color and any markings.

4. Inspection. At the termination of the quarantine period, each animal must be inspected by a licensed veterinarian and certified free of obvious clinical signs of infectious and communicable disease. The licensed veterinarian shall then issue a health certificate for each animal.

5. Expenses. All expenses incurred by the quarantine and inspection must be borne by the importer.

6. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation found in violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 per day.