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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $_{\rm B}$ " to H.P. 162, L.D. 205, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Penalty for Premeditated Animal Fights."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and present

Whereas, the provisions on premeditated animal fights are not adequate to deter such activities; and

Whereas, it is very possible that spring and summer weather will encourage such misuse and abuse of animals for profit and sport; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following emergency clause:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency to the Bill.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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