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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 238, L. D. 294, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Shipment of Dogs and Cats and Prohibiting the Use of Dogs or Cats in Commercial Promotions."

Amend said Amendment in that part designated "Sec. 2." by inserting at the end of subsection 1 the following:

'Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to the following provisions:

A. No person, firm or corporation shall bring or have shipped into this State or acquire within the State for the purpose of resale any dog or cat under the age of 8 weeks;

B. All dogs and cats of any age, brought or shipped into the State or acquired within the State for resale, shall have been inoculated against distemper and hepatitis not more than 30 nor less than 14 days before entry or acquisition;

C. All dogs and cats brought or shipped into the State or acquired within the State must be accompanied by a health certificate issued and signed by an accredited licensed state veterinarian and a United States Department of Agriculture veterinary medical officer or his designee, stating type of vaccine used and date administered, with a copy of the certificate to be promptly forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture. The certificate shall show age, sex, breed and description of each dog and cat and that the dogs and cats are free from visual evidence of communicable disease and that they originated in an area not under quarantine because of rabies; and

D. All dogs and cats sold to the public shall be accompanied by a health record issued by a licensed veterinarian outlining a medical history, inoculations and date of most recent examination.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for certain specific provisions to be contained within the rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture concerning the health of cats and dogs brought into or sold in the State.

Filed by Mr. McKernan of Bangor.

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