

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 858

S. P. 261

In Senate, March 4, 1975

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

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

17 MRSA § 1058 is amended to read:

§ 1058. Coloring or dyeing live animals or birds

It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, give away or display within this State any live animals, reptiles or live birds of any kind which have been dyed or otherwise artificially colored or to sell, offer for sale, give away, raffle or display any live fowl or turtle under 2 months of age for use as toys or retail premiums or to sell, offer for sale, give away, raffle or display any live animal, fowl or reptile as an advertising or fund-raising device. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any animal to be used or raised for agricultural purposes by persons with proper facilities otherwise authorized by law.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to avoid needless cruelty through the improper handling or neglect of delicate baby creatures, and the spread of salmonellosis to persons in intimate contact with these animals.