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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 509, L.D. 628, Bill,
"AN ACT to Equalize the Registration Fee on Dogs."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3451, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 391, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A fee of \$1.50 shall be paid^{to} the city or town clerk for each license issued on all dogs which are not capable of reproducing. A fee of \$5.50 shall be paid for all dogs capable of reproducing, of which \$3 shall be retained by that city or town and expended for the enforcement of chapter 703.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3451, 2nd ¶, 2nd and 3rd sentences are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

All dogs shall be considered capable of reproducing unless a certificate issued by any licensed veterinarian, or any previous license record, is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that such dog was made incapable of reproducing by him.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1978.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a differential licensing fee for dogs based on each dog's capability to reproduce young, regardless of sex. This will result in an increase in the cost of a license for uncastrated male dogs. This amendment also provides that a portion of the license fees for productive dogs will be retained by the towns for the purpose of enforcing the dog licensing and dog leash laws.

This amendment would result in an increase in receipts from dog license fees of approximately \$160,000. Approximately \$150,000 of this sum would be retained by the towns for enforcement of chapter 703.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Agriculture.

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