

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE (Filing No. S-213)  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 333, L.D. 1092, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Euthanasia of Cats and Dogs."

Amend the bill by striking out all of that part designated "§1226." and inserting in its place the following:

'§1226. Acceptable methods of euthanasia of dogs and cats by authorized agencies and licensed veterinarians

No cat or dog shall be destroyed by any authorized agency or licensed veterinarian by any method, agent or device except as described in this subchapter.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1227." by striking out all of the first underlined paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'The preferred method of euthanasia of cats and dogs shall be the administration of a barbituate overdose. The administration of succinylcholine chloride or any other curariform drug to destroy cats and dogs is hereby prohibited. The preferred method of euthanasia shall be implemented according to the following methods and under the following conditions:'

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Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1227." in subsection 5 in the 4th line (3rd line in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined words "adult dogs" the underlined words 'only and'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1227." in subsection 5 in the last line by striking out the underlined word "or" and inserting in its place the underlined word 'and'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the last line by striking out the underlined word "or"

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." in subsection 1 in paragraph D in the first line by inserting after the underlined words "removing gas" the underlined word 'if'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." in subsection 1 in paragraph E in the last line by inserting after the underlined word and punctuation "chamber;" the underlined word 'and'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." in subsection 2 by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'2. By the use of chloroform, ether, halothane or fluothane. Cats, kitters and newborn dogs may be destroyed by chloroform,

ether, halothane or fluothane provided the following requirements are met:'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." in subsection 2 in paragraph D in the last line by striking out the underlined word "or"

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." in subsection 2 in paragraph E in the last line by striking out the underlined punctuation "." and inserting in its place the underlined punctuation and word '; or'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." at the end in subsection 2 by adding/the following new paragraph:

'F. Veterinarians only may destroy dogs and cats following terminal operations by the use of an overdose of ether or other anesthetic gasses.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1228." by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

By ~~Shooting.~~

'3. By shooting, provided that:

A. The animal is restrained in a humane manner;

B. A weapon and ammunition of suitable caliber and other characteristics to produce instantaneous death by a simple shot; and

C. Maximum precaution is taken to protect employees  
and other animals.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to clarify the bill and to provide for the administration by veterinarians of ether, halothane and fluothane in the euthanasia process.

In addition, this amendment specifies that the provisions of this bill apply to authorized agencies such as humane shelters and licensed veterinarians.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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