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The Committee on Agriculture suggested by Committee on Reference of Bills. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

**AN ACT to Enable the Purchase and Administering of Barbiturates for the Euthanasia of
Pets and Animals.**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 2207-A, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 30, is amended to read:

1. Physicians, dentists, veterinarians, drug jobbers, drug wholesalers, drug manufacturers ~~and~~, pharmacists and pharmacies registered under Title 32, section 2901 **and approved animal shelters as provided in Title 7, section 3406**, are authorized to deal professionally with dangerous substances.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 2207-A, sub-§ 2, ¶ E is enacted to read:

E. In the case of approved animal shelters, in good faith to purchase, possess and administer barbiturates to euthanize injured, sick, homeless or unwanted pets and animals, provided that the administration is in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Human Services and meets federal drug enforcement standards.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for a designated state agency to authorize animal shelters a permit which will enable them to purchase and administer barbiturates for the euthanasia of pets and other animals.

This is necessary inasmuch as Title 17, section 1227, states that euthanasia of dogs and cats shall be administered by an overdose of a barbiturate.