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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-153)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 77, L.D. 85, Bill,
"AN ACT Concerning Euthanasia of a Sick or Injured Dog
Brought to a Veterinarian, to a Humane Society or to a
Shelter."

Amend the bill by striking out all of subsections 2 and
3 and inserting in their place the following:

'2. Animal severely injured. A veterinarian or a
humane agent or a state approved humane shelter manager may
authorize in writing, the immediate euthanasia of a severely
injured or sick animal if the following conditions are met.

A. The clerk of the municipality has been notified in
accordance with subsection 1 of the animal's presence.

B. The animal is not rabid or suspected of rabies.

C. The animal's recovery from his injury or illness
given reasonable time and care is doubtful.

3. Dog sick or injured. A veterinarian may authorize
in writing euthanasia of a sick or injured dog received by
him, by a humane agent or by a shelter manager within the
State if:

A. Forty eight hours have elapsed since receipt of the
sick or injured dog by him, by the humane agent or by
the shelter;

- B. The clerk of the municipality has been notified in accordance with subsection 1 of the dog's presence;
- C. The dog is not rabid or suspected of rabies; and
- D. The dog's recovery from his sickness or injury, given reasonable time and reasonable care, is doubtful.

A veterinarian, a humane agent or a shelter manager shall not be civilly liable to any party for authorization made in accordance with this subsection, nor shall any person performing euthanasia under that authorization. '

Statement of Fact

This amendment expands subsection 2 to include "animals" rather than "dogs" only and substitutes "agent" for society and adds the word "manager" after the word "shelter".

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