

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1835

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7 S.P. 647

In Senate, January 4, 1984

8 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture. Ordered printed and sent  
9 down for concurrence.

10 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint  
Rule 26.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hitchens of York.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Kilcoyne of Gardiner, Representative  
Greenlaw of Standish and Senator Twitchell of Oxford.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT Prohibiting Release of Animals  
18 by State Humane Agents for  
19 Experimentation or Vivisection Purposes.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1211, sub-§6 is enacted to  
24 read:

25 6. Destruction. All animals which are put to  
26 death under authority of this section shall be put to  
27 death humanely using a method approved by the commis-  
28 sioner.

29 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1215, is repealed and the fol-  
30 lowing enacted in its place:

31 §1215. Handling of animals seized by agent

1 1. Handling of animals. No person acting under  
2 authority of a state humane agent and having posses-  
3 sion of any animal by reason of his office may:

4 A. Sell, breed or trade the animal;

5 B. Provide or supply dealers, commercial kennels  
6 or laboratories with the animal; or

7 C. Give, release, sell, trade or transfer any  
8 live animal to any association, corporation, in-  
9 dividual, educational institution, laboratory or  
10 medical facility for the purposes of experimenta-  
11 tion or vivisection.

12 2. Livestock. Livestock to be sold at public  
13 auction shall be exempted from this section.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The purpose of this bill is to amend the law per-  
16 taining to the handling of animals by state humane  
17 agents to prohibit transfer of animals for purposes  
18 of vivisection or experimentation and to insure that  
19 any animals which are destroyed shall be put to death  
20 in a humane manner.

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