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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. 1863

6  
7 H.P. 1418

House of Representatives, January 10, 1984

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

10 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture is suggested and ordered  
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Dexter of Kingfield.

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 to Amend the Law Regarding  
18 Immunization of Dogs Against Rabies as a  
19 Prerequisite to Licensing.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 7 MRSA §3451, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c.  
24 193, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

25 Each owner or keeper of a dog at the age of 6  
26 months or over, except dogs kept under a kennel li-  
27 cense as provided in this section, shall, on or be-  
28 fore January 1st, annually, or at such time as ~~such~~  
29 the dog becomes 6 months old, cause ~~such~~ that dog to  
30 be licensed in the municipal clerk's office in the  
31 town where ~~such~~ the dog is kept. ~~Such~~ The license  
32 shall state the breed, sex, color and markings of  
33 ~~such~~ the dogs and the name and address of the owner  
34 or keeper. No city or town clerk shall may issue a  
35 license for any dog until the applicant has filed

1 with ~~such~~ the clerk proof that ~~such~~ the dog has been  
2 immunized against rabies in accordance with rules  
3 promulgated by the Commissioner of Human Services,  
4 provided the requirement of immunization may be  
5 waived by ~~such~~ the clerk under conditions set forth  
6 by the Commissioner of Human Services. ~~In the case~~  
7 ~~of any guide dog or hearing dog kept prior to train-~~  
8 ~~ing or for breeding purposes as defined in this sec-~~  
9 ~~tion,~~ the The commissioner shall accept valid proof  
10 of immunization against rabies provided by another  
11 state or another country.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 The purpose of this bill is to provide that valid  
14 proof of immunization against rabies provided by an-  
15 other state or country shall be sufficient for regis-  
16 tering a dog in this State.

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