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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2052

S.P. 748

In Senate, February 3, 1984

Reported by Senator Erwin of Oxford from the Committee on Agriculture and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Senator Hichens of York.

Cosponsored by Representative Kilcoyne of Gardiner, Representative Greenlaw of Standish and Senator Twitchell of Oxford.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Prohibiting Release of Animals by
State Humane Agents for Experimentation or
Vivisection Purposes.**

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1215, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1215. Handling of animals seized or held by humane agents, animal control officers, animal shelters, pounds, animal care centers, humane societies or veterinarians

1. Handling of animals. No state humane agent, animal control officer, animal shelter, pound, animal care center, humane society or veterinarian and anyone acting under their authority and having possession of any animal by reason of his office may:

1 A. Provide or supply dealers, commercial kennels
2 or laboratories with the animal; or

3 B. Give, release, sell, trade, loan, transfer or
4 otherwise provide any live animal to any associa-
5 tion, corporation, firm, individual, educational
6 institution, laboratory, medical facility or any-
7 one else for the purposes of experimentation or
8 vivisection.

9 2. Livestock. Livestock to be sold at public
10 auction shall be exempted from this section.

11 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1215-A is enacted to read:

12 §1215-A. Penalty for violation

13 Any person, firm or corporation found in viola-
14 tion of this subchapter is guilty of a Class E crime.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this new draft is to amend the law
17 pertaining to the handling of animals by state humane
18 agents and others to prohibit transfer of animals for
19 purposes of vivisection or experimentation.

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