

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 178

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7 H.P. 144

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Drinkwater of Belfast.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Cruelty to Animals.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §510, sub-§§5 and 6 are en-
22 acted to read:

23 5. Any person convicted a first time of cruelty
24 to an animal shall not own or possess an animal of
25 the same species for a period of one year; any person
26 convicted a 2nd or subsequent time of cruelty to an
27 animal shall not own or possess an animal of any spe-
28 cies for a period of one year; except that, for a
29 first offense, no person may be deprived of animals
30 that comprise his livelihood. Any person who vio-
31 lates this subsection is guilty of a Class D crime
32 and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 on a
33 first offense or to be imprisoned for a period of 30
34 days; a fine of \$500 on a 2nd offense or to be im-
35 prisoned for a period of 60 days; or a fine of \$1,000
36 on a 3rd or subsequent offense or to be imprisoned
37 for a period of 90 days.

