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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1819, L.D. 2493,
Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Animal Control Laws."

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9 Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and
10 inserting in its place the following:

11 'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §§3911 and 3912, as enacted by
12 PL 1987, c. 383, §3, are amended to read:

13 §3911. Dogs not to run at large

14 It is unlawful for any dog, licensed or
15 unlicensed, to run at large, except when used for
16 hunting. The owner or keeper of any dog found running
17 at large shall be subject to the penalties provided in
18 this chapter.

19 §3912. Disposition of dogs at large

20 Any animal control officer or person acting in
21 that capacity shall seize, impound or restrain any dog
22 found in violation of section 3911 and deliver it to
23 any shelter as provided for in section 3913,
24 subsection 2, or shall take the dog to its owner, if
25 known. Such dogs shall be handled as stray and
26 abandoned dogs. If ownership cannot be established,
27 such animals may be handled as strays for the purposes
28 of acceptance by an approved shelter.

29 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3922, sub-§3, as enacted by PL

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1 1987, c. 383, §3, is amended to read:

2 3. Proof of immunization. No municipal clerk may
3 issue a license for any dog until the applicant has
4 filed with the clerk proof that the dog has been
5 immunized against rabies in accordance with rules
6 promulgated by the Commissioner of Human Services,
7 provided that the requirement of immunization may be
8 waived by the clerk under conditions set forth by the
9 Commissioner of Human Services.

10 In the case of any guide dog or hearing dog kept
11 prior to training or for breeding purposes, the board
12 shall accept valid proof of immunization against
13 rabies provided by another state. The commissioner
14 shall promulgate rules which allow the clerk and the
15 board to accept valid proof of immunization against
16 rabies provided by another state.

17 Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3947, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
18 383, §3, is amended to read:

19 §3947. Animal control officers

20 Each municipality shall appoint one or more animal
21 control officers whose duties shall be enforcement of
22 sections 3911, 3912, 3921, 3924, 3943, 3948, 3950
23 and, 3950-A and 3966 to 3970 and such other duties to
24 control animals as the municipality may require.'

25 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections
26 to read consecutively.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The purpose of this amendment is to allow the
29 board and municipal clerks to recognize out-of-state
30 immunizations for all dogs.

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