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In Senate, March 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec. (BY REQUEST)

Cosponsored by Representative CARTER of Winslow and Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Allow Dogs to be Vaccinated for Rabies by a Veterinarian in Another State.



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

7 MRSA §3922,	sub-§3, as amended	by PL	1987,	c.	643,	§2,	is
further amended to r	read:						

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

The commissioner shall promulgate rules which allow the clerk and the board to accept valid proof of immunization against rabies provided by another state. The rules shall allow a municipal clerk to accept proof that the dog has been immunized in another state by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine in that state if the vaccination otherwise complies with the rules established by the Commissioner of Human Services.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows dog owners to have their dog immunized against rabies by a veterinarian in another state for the purpose of meeting the requirements for obtaining a dog license in Maine.