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STATE OF MAINE  
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114TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 691, L.D. 1830, Bill, "An Act to Ensure the Independence of the Animal Welfare Board"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2, 3rd ¶ from end, as amended by PL 1983, c. 308, §§2 and 14, is further amended to read:

The commissioner does not have authority to exercise or interfere with the exercise of any discretionary statutory authority granted to the following, which authority shall-be is exclusively within the specific board, bureau, agency, commission, committee or other governmental unit: The Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council Committee, the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, the Maine Milk Commission, the Seed Potato Board, the Harness Racing Commission, the Maine Potato Commission, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the Board of Veterinary Medicine, and the Board of Pesticide Control and-the-Animal-Welfare-Board.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the indented paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'The Animal Welfare Board shall-be-in-the-Department-of Agriculture,-Feed-and-Rural-Resources is an independent board.' '

Further amend the amendment in section 2, subsection 7-A, in the last line (page 1, line 27 in amendment) by striking out the following: "the board and" and inserting in its place the following: 'the Bureau of Human Resources and'

Further amend the amendment by inserting before section 3 the following:

'Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:'

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2 Further amend the amendment by inserting before the fiscal  
note the following:

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6 'Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read  
consecutively.'

8 Further amend the amendment in the fiscal note by striking  
out all of the last paragraph (page 4, lines 34 to 41 in  
10 amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

12 'Any additional costs that may result from the removal of  
the Animal Welfare Board from the Department of Agriculture, Food  
14 and Rural Resources can be absorbed within existing resources.  
There would be a reduction in costs allocated to the board for  
16 computers and other expenses that would offset any increase in  
space rental, if state-owned space is not available.'

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This amendment requires that the salary of the executive  
director be established by the Bureau of Human Resources. This  
24 amendment also revises the fiscal note.

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28 (Senator PEARSON)  
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