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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Ensure the Independence of the Animal Welfare Board.



Вe	iŧ	enacted	by	the	People	of the	he i	State	of	Maine	as	follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3903, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, 4 §3, is amended to read:

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

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is amended to read:

Employees. Approve an executive director and such other employees as are necessary to assist the board in enforcing this Part and in carrying out its duties and responsibilities as may be employed by the commissioner board subject to the Civil Service Law. The board shall appoint part-time humane agents who shall serve as agents of the board in the enforcement of this Part and as otherwise provided by law. These part-time agents shall be unclassified employees whose standards of employment, training, compensation and hours of employment will be determined by the board. The jurisdiction of each part-time humane agent shall extend throughout the State. In connection with its enforcement responsibilities, the board shall be entitled to and shall receive the assistance of the Attorney General and of several district attorneys and may apply to the commissioner for the assistance of state veterinarians;

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The Animal Welfare Board is an individual board located within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The department provides logistical support to the board. This bill removes the board from the department and gives the board independent budgetary status.