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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 694

In Senate, May 16, 1991

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  
Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland  
Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and  
Representative TARDY of Palmyra.

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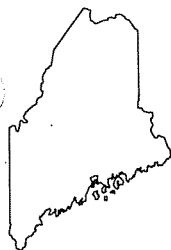
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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An Act to Amend the Composition of the Animal Welfare Board.

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(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

6 2-A.                    Advisory                    Not                    7 MRSA  
8 Agriculture           Committee on           Authorized           §3905-A  
                                 Licensed  
                                 Facilities

10 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3903, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383,  
12 §3, is amended to read:

14 1. **Designated members.** Nine members, appointed by the  
16 Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of  
the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture and subject  
to confirmation by the Legislature, shall must consist of:

18 A. Four members representing humane societies to be  
20 selected by the Governor, who shall consider nominations  
22 made by humane societies incorporated under the laws,  
24 provided that no more than one member may represent a  
particular society and at least one member must represent a  
state licensed facility, and at least one member must  
represent an unlicensed humane society;

26 B. Four members representing the agricultural community to  
28 be selected by the Governor from nominations presented by  
organizations representing the agricultural community; and

30 C. One member ~~to be a practicing~~ veterinarian and selected  
32 by the Governor, who shall consider nominations made by the  
Maine Veterinary Medical Association.

34 Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3905-A is enacted to read:

36 §3905-A. Advisory Committee on Licensed Facilities

38 The board shall, after consultation with representative  
40 groups, appoint the Advisory Committee on Licensed Facilities,  
42 authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 2-A,  
44 consisting of one representative of state licensed animal  
46 shelters, one representative of state licensed pet shops, one  
48 representative of either a state licensed boarding kennel or a  
state licensed kennel. This committee shall advise the board  
with respect to the development and implementation of rules and  
policies concerning the licensing and regulation of animal  
shelters, pet shops, boarding kennels and kennels.

50 Sec. 4. **Membership terms.** Any member serving on the Animal  
Welfare Board on the effective date of this Act shall continue to

2 serve until the expiration of the term for which that member was  
appointed.

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6 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

8 This bill specifies that at least one member of the Animal  
Welfare Board represent a state licensed animal shelter, and at  
10 least one member represent an unlicensed humane society. The  
bill also establishes an advisory committee to aid the board in  
12 developing rules concerning the licensing of animal shelters, pet  
shops, boarding kennels and kennels.