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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 696,
L.D. 1861, Bill, "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Animal
Welfare Board"

Amend the amendment by inserting at the end of section 40
the following:

§4105. Equine professional; contracts

1. Statement of inherent risks. A written contract entered
into by an equine professional for the provision of professional
services, instruction or the rental of equipment, tack or an
equine to a participant, whether or not the contract involves
equine activities on or off the location or site of the equine
professional's business, must include a statement of the inherent
risks of equine activities including, but not limited to:

A. The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may
result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around the
equine;

B. The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such
things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects,
person or other animals;

C. Certain hazards, such as surface or subsurface
conditions;

D. Collisions with other equines or objects; and

E. The potential of a participant to act in a negligent
manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or
others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine
or not acting within the participant's ability.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a provision to the bill that requires an equine professional to include a statement of the inherent risks of equine activities in any contract for goods or services.

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