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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "H" 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 after section 10 the following:

'Sec. 11. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Abandoned dog. "Abandoned dog" means a dog that has been deserted or given up by its owner. "Abandoned dog" includes litters left in a public place and dogs left with a note indicating abandonment. "Abandoned dog" does not include a dog wearing a collar and tags or a dog at large, as defined in subsection 6.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 54 the following:

'Sec. 55. Outstanding obligations. Any outstanding obligations of the Animal Welfare Board may be repaid after June 30, 1992.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 55 and 56 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 55. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1992-93

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL  
RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Public Services - Agriculture

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2 All Other \$150,000

4 Provides funds for a working capital advance  
6 to the Animal Welfare Fund to assist with  
8 the department's cash flow to administer the  
dedicated revenue program. Funds required  
for this purpose must be returned to the  
General Fund no later than June 30, 1993.

10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
12 FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES  
14 TOTAL \$150,000

16 ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD

18 Animal Welfare  
20 All Other (\$100,000)

22 Provides for the deappropriation of funds  
24 from the elimination of contractual services  
to privatize the Animal Welfare Board.

26 ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD  
TOTAL (\$100,000)

28 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$50,000

30 Sec. 56. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from  
32 the Animal Welfare Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

34 1991-92 1992-93

36 AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL  
38 RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

40 Public Services - Agriculture

42	Positions	(4.0)	(4.0)
	Personal Services	\$37,977	\$151,906
	All Other	30,730	142,000
44	TOTAL	\$68,707	\$293,906

46 Provides funds for 2 District  
48 Humane Agent positions,  
intermittent Humane Agent

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2 positions, one part-time  
3 Clerk Typist II position (32  
4 hours), one part-time Account  
5 Clerk II position (32 hours),  
6 animal shelter claims, Animal  
7 Welfare Board expenses,  
8 outstanding bills and other  
9 general operating expenses.

10 **Agricultural Production**

12	Positions	(1.0)	(1.0)
	Personal Services	\$8,313	\$33,250
14	All Other	2,375	9,500
16	TOTAL	<u>\$10,688</u>	<u>\$42,750</u>

18 Provides funds for one  
19 District Humane Agent  
20 position and general  
21 operating expenses to respond  
22 to animal abuse complaints  
23 and license equine facilities.

24 **Public Services - Agriculture**

26	All Other		\$150,000
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28 Provides funds for the  
29 repayment of the working  
30 capital advance to the  
31 General Fund. These funds  
32 must be repaid by the  
33 Department of Agriculture,  
34 Food and Rural Resources to  
35 the General Fund no later  
36 than June 30, 1993.

38	<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 39 FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES</b>		
40	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$79,395</u>	<u>\$486,656'</u>

44 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section  
45 58 and inserting in its place the following:

46 **'Sec. 58. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that amend  
47 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3923, subsection 1;  
48 section 3943, subsection 1; and section 3943, subsection 3 and  
49 that section that enacts Title 7, chapter 743 take effect July 1,  
50 1992.'

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2 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to  
read consecutively.

4 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the  
6 fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

8	<b>FISCAL NOTE</b>		
10		<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>

12 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

14	General Fund		\$50,000
16	Other Funds	\$79,395	486,656

18 **REVENUES**

18	General Fund		\$61,744
20	Other Funds	88,920	488,136

22 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$150,000  
24 in fiscal year 1992-93 as working capital advances to the Animal  
Welfare Fund. These funds will be repaid to the General Fund no  
26 later than June 30, 1993, resulting in additional General Fund  
revenue of \$150,000 in fiscal year 1992-93. The loss of interest  
28 income to the General Fund can not be estimated at this time.  
Dedicating the \$1 fee for every dog license will decrease General  
Fund revenue by \$88,256 in fiscal year 1992-93.

30 In fiscal year 1992-93, \$100,000 is deappropriated as a  
32 result of the elimination of contractual services required by the  
privatization of the Animal Welfare Board.

34 This bill moves the Animal Welfare Board within the  
36 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and  
establishes a dedicated Animal Welfare Fund to administer the  
38 animal welfare laws in the State. The Department of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Resources will require an allocation of \$79,395 in  
40 fiscal year 1991-92 and \$336,656 in fiscal year 1992-93 for  
necessary staff and general operating expenses.

42 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will  
44 collect dedicated revenue of \$88,920 in fiscal year 1991-92 and  
\$488,136 in fiscal year 1992-93. This revenue includes funds  
46 from the General Fund as a working capital advance of \$150,000 in  
fiscal year 1992-93. It also includes the continuation of dog  
48 licensing and other current licensing programs, a \$1 fee for  
every dog license issued previously deposited in the General Fund  
50 pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 591, and a \$1 fee for

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2 neutered dogs, previously collected by municipalities. New  
license fees are established for the equine industry and certain  
4 animal shelter facilities.

6 This bill establishes a dedicated Spay-Neuter Fund to  
subsidize the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats. The exact  
increase in revenue and required allocations can not be  
8 determined at this time.'

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment delays the 1991-92 portion of the working  
capital advance until after July 1, 1993. It also adds a  
16 definition for "abandoned dog" and deletes a deappropriation in  
conflict with the budget bill.

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(Senator BRANNIGAN)  
SPONSORED BY:

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COUNTY: Cumberland

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