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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 163, L.D. 215, Bill, "An Act to Protect Animal Enterprises"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill establishes a new Class E crime. Sentences imposed for Class E offenses must be served in a county jail. The average cost per sentence for a Class E crime is \$4,188 based upon an average length of stay of 67 days. The additional costs to the counties for housing offenders sentenced under this new crime will not require reimbursement by the State.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenues by a minor amount.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The Department of Corrections prepared the following correctional impact statement on the original bill pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1402: "L.D. 215, 'An Act to Protect Animal Enterprises,' " creates a new Class E

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2 crime, Title 17-A, section 807 on animal enterprise terrorism,  
3 under the Maine Criminal Code. A sentence imposed for a Class E  
4 offense must be served in a county jail facility. Looking at  
5 sentences served for Class E offenses in county jails, the  
6 average length of stay was found to be about 67 days. The  
average cost per sentence for a Class E crime is \$4,188.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture  
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