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H.P. 163

House of Representatives, January 28, 1993

An Act to Protect Animal Enterprises.

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALIBERTI of Lewiston, CARON of Biddeford, CROSS of
Dover-Foxcroft, KNEELAND of Easton, SPEAR of Nobleboro.

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

4 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §807 is enacted to read:

6 §807. Animal enterprise terrorism

8 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

10 A. "Animal enterprise" means:

12 (1) A commercial or academic enterprise that uses animals for food or fiber production, agriculture, research or testing;

14 (2) A zoo, aquarium, circus, rodeo or lawful competitive animal event; or

16 (3) Any fair or similar event intended to advance agricultural arts and sciences.

18 B. "Economic damage" means the replacement costs of loss or damaged property or records, the costs of repeating an interrupted or invalidated experiment or the loss of profits or loss of food production or farm income reasonably attributable to an act of animal enterprise terrorism.

20 C. "Physical disruption" does not include any lawful disruption that results from lawful public, governmental or animal enterprise employee reaction to the disclosure of information about an animal enterprise.

22 2. A person is guilty of animal enterprise terrorism if that person intentionally causes physical disruption to the functioning of an animal enterprise by intentionally stealing, damaging or causing the loss of any property, including animals or records used by the animal enterprise, and thereby causes economic damage to that enterprise.

24 3. Animal enterprise terrorism is a Class E crime.

26 4. A person convicted of violating subsection 2 is subject to an order for restitution up to 3 times the economic damage.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The purpose of this bill is to protect animal enterprise in the State. This bill makes it an offense to cause intentional

2 damage or violence to research, agricultural or exhibition
facilities housing animals and to animals and records in those
4 facilities. The restitution may be 3 times the economic damage
and will be given to the victim of the crime.