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**An Act to Permit Boarding and Licensed Kennels to Administer Rabies
Vaccinations.**

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §§3918 and 3919** are enacted to read:

6 **§3918. Issuance of vaccination certificate**

8 A person who has successfully completed instruction approved
10 by the department and is certified by the department may
vaccinate a dog that resides in a kennel licensed under sections
3923-C, 3931-A and 3932 and issue a vaccination certificate.

12 **§3919. Vaccinations**

14 Within 6 months of receiving an application, the
16 commissioner shall make available approved instruction in rabies
vaccinations at a location within 150 miles of the applicant.
18 The applicant shall indicate the kennel where the applicant will
vaccinate and the commissioner shall maintain a file of this
information.

20 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3923-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 468,
22 §12, is amended to read:

24 **2. Rabies tags.** An owner shall make sure that a rabies tag
26 obtained from a veterinarian or a kennel licensed under sections
28 3923-C, 3931-A and 3932 for immunization against rabies is
30 securely attached to a collar of leather, metal or material of
comparable strength and that the collar is worn at all times by
the dog for which the rabies tag was issued, except as provided
in subsection 3.

32 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3936, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

34 **1-A. Certified personnel.** Prior to an inspection, the
36 department shall determine from its records whether personnel of
the kennel, boarding kennel or breeding kennel are certified to
38 vaccinate for rabies and include a review of the vaccination
procedures in its inspection.

40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 **42**
44 This bill allows a person who has successfully completed
46 instruction approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and
Rural Resources to administer rabies vaccinations to dogs that
reside in a licensed kennel.