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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1250, L.D. 1712, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Municipal Share of Dog Licensing Fees"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 6 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSa §3923-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c. 409, §5, is further amended to read:

2. **Dogs or wolf hybrids incapable of producing young.** A dog or wolf hybrid owner shall pay a fee of \$4 to the municipal clerk for each dog or wolf hybrid 6 months of age or older and incapable of producing young. A dog or wolf hybrid is considered incapable of producing young when the owner provides the following:

A. A written certificate issued by a veterinarian stating that the veterinarian has neutered the dog or wolf hybrid;

B. A written certificate issued by a veterinarian stating that the veterinarian has examined the dog or wolf hybrid and determined that the dog or wolf hybrid is incapable of producing young; or

C. A previous license stating that the dog or wolf hybrid is incapable of producing young.

The clerk shall retain \$1 as a recording fee, deposit ~~\$1~~ \$2 in the municipality's animal welfare account established in accordance with section 3945 and pay the remaining \$2 ~~\$1~~ to the department for deposit in the Animal Welfare Fund.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1250, L.D. 1712

2 Further amend the bill in section 7 in the indented  
paragraph in the 6th line (page 2, line 49 in L.D.) by striking  
4 out the following: "727, 729, 730, 739 and 729 741" and  
inserting in its place the following: 'and 729 730'

6 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**1996-97**

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**REVENUES**

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Other Funds (\$81,740)

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18 The reduction of the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
Rural Resources' share of certain dog license fees will reduce  
dedicated revenue to the department by \$81,740, \$77,653 and  
20 \$73,362 in fiscal years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99,  
respectively. The department's projected annual dedicated  
22 revenues to the Animal Welfare Program will be adequate to meet  
the program's ongoing costs.'

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26 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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34 This amendment removes those sections of the bill that would  
have repealed the provisions allowing animal shelters to recover  
\$4 per day for a period of 6 days for housing strays on behalf of  
municipalities and requiring notice to municipalities of a dog's  
36 being found.

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40 The amendment alters a section of the bill that makes  
changes in those chapters of the animal welfare laws that  
municipal officers and other municipal agents are required to  
follow or be subject to fines. The amendment deletes from the  
42 requirement spelled out in the bill those chapters of the animal  
welfare laws under which municipal officers or agents are not  
44 required to perform functions.

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48 The amendment also changes the distribution of license fees  
paid for dogs or wolf hybrids incapable of producing young. The  
amendment increases the amount deposited in a municipality's  
animal welfare account from \$1 to \$2 and decreases the amount  
50 deposited in the Animal Welfare Fund.