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House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

An Act to Repeal the Laws That Pertain to the Licensing of Dogs.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot. (By Request)

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-B , sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 779, §9, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 779, §9, is amended to read:

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10 **2. Animal Welfare Fund.** The commissioner shall deposit all
12 license fees received pursuant to chapters 719, 721, 723, 725
14 and 743 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of
16 State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does
18 not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner
shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing
blanks and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary
personnel, payments to shelters and expenses incurred in the
administration of this Part.

20 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3913, sub-§3, ¶C,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 779, §22, is further amended to read:

22 C. If the owner claims the dog within the 6-day period, the
24 owner may have and receive the dog upon payment of all
26 department-approved fees as provided in subsection 2-A, the
municipal impoundment fee and actual fees incurred for food,
shelter, veterinary care and any other fees required by this
chapter for each day that the dog has been sheltered,
28 ~~provided that the dog is licensed in accordance with chapter~~
~~721.~~

30 **Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3913, sub-§4, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 657, §17, is further amended to read:

32 A. Sell or give away the dog, but not to a research
34 facility, ~~if a license is first obtained in accordance with~~
36 ~~chapter 721;~~ or

38 **Sec. 5. 7 MRSA c. 721,** as amended, is repealed.

40 **Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §3939,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 657, §37, is
42 repealed.

44 **Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §3941,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is
amended to read:

46 **§3941. Posting of law**

48 Municipal clerks, annually, at least 20 days before January
50 1st, shall post copies of ~~chapters 721 and~~ chapter 723 and of
this chapter in the usual places for posting notices of the
annual municipal elections.

