

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1174

S.P. 355

In Senate, February 25, 1997

An Act to Enhance Live Animal and Embryo Exports From Maine.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township and
Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln, Representative: SPEAR of Nobleboro.

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

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Sec. 1. Live animal and embryo testing program. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall develop a plan for creating and funding an animal testing program within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources that meets all applicable federal and state requirements for testing live animals and embryos for export from the State. The commissioner shall determine the equipment and personnel necessary to establish the animal testing program and shall submit the plan together with any required draft legislation to the Legislature no later than January 1, 1998. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may report to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature legislation relating to testing of live animals and embryos for export from the State.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop a plan for creating an animal testing program that meets all applicable federal requirements for testing live animals and embryos for export from this State. The commissioner must submit the plan by January 1, 1998. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may report out to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature legislation relating to testing of live animals and embryos for export from the State.