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No. 1328

S.P. 453

In Senate, February 16, 1999

An Act Regarding the Shooting of Domestic Animals.

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 KILKELLY of Lincoln.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7405, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,
5 §1, is amended to read:

6 **14. Shooting domestic animals.** A person is guilty of
7 shooting domestic animals if, ~~while on a hunting trip or in the~~
8 ~~pursuit of wild animals or wild birds,~~ that person
9 intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently shoots and
10 wounds or kills any domestic animal belonging to another person,
11 including a dog, cat or domestic bird.

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13 **SUMMARY**

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15 **16** This bill amends the fish and wildlife law pertaining to
16 shooting domestic animals. The bill drops the condition that the
17 shooting must have occurred while on a hunting trip or while in
18 pursuit of wild animals or wild birds and clarifies that the
19 prohibition against shooting domestic animals applies only if the
20 domestic animal that is shot belongs to another person.
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