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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 584, L.D. 739, Bill, "An Act to Require That Wolf Hybrids be Tattooed and to Establish Penalties for Releasing Wolf Hybrids from Captivity"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Require That Wolf Hybrids be Permanently Identified and to Establish Penalties for Releasing Wolf Hybrids from Captivity'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3911-A is enacted to read:

§3911-A. Abandonment of wolf hybrid

A person who abandons a wolf hybrid commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$1,000 may be adjudged. For the purposes of this section "abandon" means to desert. For enforcement purposes a wolf hybrid is abandoned if the animal is found a distance of more than 5 miles from the premises of the owner and is not under the control of any person.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3921-A is enacted to read:

§3921-A. Permanent identification of wolf hybrids

The commissioner shall adopt rules to establish methods of identifying wolf hybrids through tattooing, the placement of a microchip under the animal's skin or any other method determined by the commissioner as adequately providing a permanent means of

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2 identification on the body of the animal. Rules adopted pursuant
3 to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title
4 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. A person may not own or keep a
5 wolf hybrid unless the animal has identification in compliance
6 with the rules adopted under this section.

7 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3922, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:**

8 **3-B. Proof of permanent identification.** A municipal clerk
9 may not issue a license for a wolf hybrid until the applicant has
10 filed with the clerk proof that the wolf hybrid has been
11 permanently identified in accordance with section 3921-A.

12 **Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3931-B is enacted to read:**

13 **§3931-B. Wolf hybrid kennel**

14 The requirements of this section apply to a wolf hybrid
15 kennel, as defined in subsection 1. A person maintaining a wolf
16 hybrid kennel that also is a breeding kennel as defined in
17 section 3907, subsection 8-A is also subject to the licensing
18 requirements in section 3931-A.

19 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context
20 otherwise indicates, "wolf hybrid kennel" means a location where
21 one or more wolf hybrids are kept and bred.

22 **2. Kennel registration required.** A person who operates a
23 wolf hybrid kennel must register with the department on a form
24 provided by the department. The form must include the name of the
25 person operating the kennel, the mailing address and road or
26 street address for the kennel and the number of wolf hybrids kept
27 at the time of registration. The person who operates the kennel
28 must submit with the registration form proof that each wolf
29 hybrid has been permanently identified in accordance with section
30 3921-A.

31 **3. Permanent identification of offspring; record of**
32 **transfer.** A person operating a wolf hybrid kennel shall have the
33 offspring of a wolf hybrid permanently identified prior to
34 transferring ownership or care of the animal. When a wolf hybrid
35 is sold, given away or, exchanged or ownership or care of the
36 wolf hybrid is otherwise transferred, the person operating the
37 wolf hybrid kennel must notify the department of the transfer and
38 provide the name and address of the person accepting transfer of
39 the wolf hybrid.

40 **4. Inspection and quarantine.** A wolf hybrid kennel is
41 subject to inspection and quarantine in accordance with section
42 3936, subsection 1.

