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House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

An Act to Require That Wolf Hybrids be Tattooed and to Establish Penalties for Releasing Wolf Hybrids from Captivity.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, MUSE of Fryeburg,
PARADIS of Frenchville, PERKINS of Penobscot, SAVAGE of Buxton, TRAHAN of
Waldoboro, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3913-B** is enacted to read:

6 **3913-B. Wolf hybrids to be tattooed**

8 A person may not own or care for a wolf hybrid unless that
10 wolf hybrid is tattooed in accordance with rules adopted by the
12 commissioner.

14 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3915**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 690, §12, is
16 further amended to read:

18 **§3915. Violation**

20 Any person who violates this chapter commits a civil
22 violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more
24 than \$250 may be adjudged, except that, if the violation involves
26 a wolf hybrid running at large in violation of section 3911, the
28 forfeiture may not be less than \$150 and may not be waived by the
30 court.

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

34 **3-B. Proof of tattooing for wolf hybrids.** A municipal
36 clerk may not issue a license for a wolf hybrid until the
38 applicant has filed with the clerk proof that the wolf hybrid has
40 been tattooed in accordance with rules adopted by the
42 commissioner.

44 **Sec. 4. Rules.** The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
46 Resources shall adopt rules establishing the tattooing
48 requirements for wolf hybrids. Rules adopted under this section
are routine technical rules under the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

40 **SUMMARY**

42 This bill prohibits any person from owning or caring for a
44 wolf hybrid unless it is tattooed in accordance with rules
46 adopted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
48 Resources. The bill also triples the fine for allowing a wolf
hybrid to run at large and prohibits municipalities from
licensing any wolf hybrid that is not tattooed in accordance with
rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources.