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**STATE OF MAINE  
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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1063, L.D. 1426, Bill, "An  
Act to Allow the Purchase of Rabies Vaccine by Livestock Farmers"

22 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting  
24 clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the  
following:

26 'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1808-A is enacted to read:

28 **§1808-A. Direct purchase of rabies vaccine**

30 A veterinarian licensed in this State may sell rabies  
32 vaccine to a person who owns cattle, sheep, goats or domesticated  
34 deer as defined in section 1331. A veterinarian who sells  
rabies vaccine in accordance with this section is not, as a  
result of selling the vaccine, liable for claims arising from the  
administration of the vaccine by the purchaser.

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38 An animal vaccinated against rabies by a person who is not a  
licensed veterinarian or under the direct supervision of a  
40 licensed veterinarian may not be certified as vaccinated against  
rabies and must be treated as an unvaccinated animal under Title  
42 22, chapter 251, subchapter 5 and rules adopted pursuant to that  
chapter.

44 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

46 **6. Lawful possession of hypodermic apparatuses by livestock**  
48 **owners. A person who owns livestock is authorized to possess and**  
**have control of hypodermic apparatuses for the purpose of**

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2 administering antibiotics, vitamins and vaccines to treat medical  
3 conditions or promote the health of that person's livestock. For  
4 the purposes of this subsection, "livestock" means cattle,  
5 equines, sheep, goats, swine, llamas, poultry, rabbits and  
6 domesticated deer as defined in Title 7, section 1331.'

8 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment allows a person who owns cattle, sheep, goats  
11 or deer to purchase rabies vaccine directly from a licensed  
12 veterinarian. A veterinarian who sells rabies vaccine to a  
13 livestock owner is not liable for claims arising from the  
14 administration of the vaccine. An animal vaccinated against  
15 rabies by a person who is not a licensed veterinarian or under  
16 the supervision of a licensed veterinarian may not be certified  
17 as vaccinated against rabies. This amendment includes livestock  
18 owners among those authorized to possess hypodermic apparatuses.