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121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1453

House of Representatives, April 1, 2004

An Act To Regulate the Breeding and Sale of Small Mammals

Reported by Representative McKEE of Wayne for the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Public Law 2003, chapter 350, section 2 and Resolve 2003, chapter 101, section 3.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA c. 730-A**, as amended, is further amended by
6 repealing the chapter headnote and enacting the following in its
8 place:

10 **CHAPTER 730-A**

12 **BREEDING, SALE AND TRANSPORTATION OF SMALL MAMMALS**

14 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3970-B** is enacted to read:

16 **§3970-B. Breeding and sale of small mammals**

18 **1. Rulemaking.** The commissioner shall adopt major
20 substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375,
22 subchapter 2-A to regulate the breeding and sale of small
24 mammals, including, but not limited to, guinea pigs, hamsters and
26 rabbits. The rules must reflect the standards of the Animal and
28 Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department
30 of Agriculture for the care of small mammals.

32 **2. Penalty.** A person who violates the rules adopted under
34 this section commits a civil violation for which a fine not to
exceed \$100 per violation may be adjudged.

SUMMARY

This bill is the report of the Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It directs the
Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt
rules concerning the breeding and sale of small mammals,
including guinea pigs, hamsters and rabbits.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LR 2809(01)

Fiscal Note for Original Bill

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations