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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 55, L.D. 57, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Slaughter of Animals"

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

**'Resolve, To Develop and Promote Enhanced Humane Livestock Handling and Slaughtering Practices'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop enhanced humane livestock handling and slaughtering practices. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall engage an animal behaviorist specializing in the design of slaughtering facilities and methods of slaughter to conduct a workshop on enhanced humane livestock handling and slaughtering practices. The commissioner shall notify commercial and custom slaughtering facilities licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2514 and livestock producers throughout the State of the location and date for the workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to serve as an educational forum and a step in the development of enhanced voluntary guidelines for humane slaughter. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall develop enhanced voluntary humane handling and slaughter guidelines, to be known as "Maine Humane," and report on the guidelines to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 2, 2008. The commissioner also shall provide the committee with a proposed strategy for voluntary implementation of the guidelines; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Legislation authorized. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation regarding enhanced humane livestock handling and slaughtering practices and certification and labeling of

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 57

LR 331(02)

**An Act Regarding the Slaughter of Animals**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund