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**An Act To Protect Veterinarians Providing Animal Welfare Services
for the State**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and
Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, FLETCHER of Winslow, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill,
MAREAN of Hollis.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3909-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§3909-A. Immunity from civil liability**

4 **1. Immunity.** A licensed veterinarian who performs any animal welfare service at
5 the request of the State or a state agency is immune from any civil liability arising from
6 that service if:

7 A. The service is within the scope of that veterinarian's licensure; and

8 B. The veterinarian acts in good faith.

9 **2. Exception.** The immunity provided by this section is not available if the
10 veterinarian acted recklessly or with gross negligence.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides immunity from civil suit for any veterinarian who performs animal
13 welfare services for the State.