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House of Representatives, March 1, 2007

An Act To Prohibit the Surgical Removal of Vocal Cords in Dogs

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WATSON of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of Monmouth, WOODBURY of Yarmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4011-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§4011-A. Prohibition on removal of a dog's vocal cords**

4 A person may not remove or have removed a dog's vocal cords except as treatment
5 for a medical condition. A person may not remove or have removed a dog's vocal cords
6 solely to eliminate barking.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill prohibits the removal of a dog's vocal cords for nonmedical reasons.